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# Two drivers under the influence of alcohol cause accidents on campus

## *Alum crashes into oncoming motorist*

by **Christopher LaRosa '03**
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Two Hamilton alumni were arrested at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on McEwen Circle Friday night at approximately 11:30 p.m., said Kirkland Police Chief Daniel English.

James Driggs '01 was arrested for failing to keep right, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving while intoxicated.

Driggs was arrested after causing the 2001 Volkswagon Jetta he was driving to collide with a 1999 Jeep Cherokee Sport driven by Jessica Bloom '02, said English.

"I was driving, and you could see a car fly around the corner...I watched him switch lanes. I turned my car left to get out of his way and he pulled back toward me and hit my car," said Bloom.

Driggs's improper lane change caused the vehicle collision, said English. A breathalyzer test indicated that Drigg's Blood Alcohol Content was above the .10 legal limit. Exact breathalyzer readings are only released to courts, said English.

Driggs, who was issued a summons to appear in the Town of Kirkland Court on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m., declined to comment on the arrest.

At the scene of the accident, Thomas J. Conti '01 was arrested for interfering with traffic control at the scene of a motor vehicle accident, said English. Conti was not a passenger in Driggs's vehicle. Conti was arrested after he refused to produce identification, was verbally abusive to a Campus Safety officer, and ran from an officer, said English.

Conti, who was issued a summons to appear in the Town of Kirkland Court on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m., declined comment.

## *Student charged with leaving scene of accident, reckless driving*

by **Christopher LaRosa '03**
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Anna Phoebe Vickers '04, 19, crashed into a curb and propelled the car she was driving approximately 50 feet onto a pedestrian walkway near the Office of Residential Life at 1:30 am on Saturday, according to Kirkland Police reports. Vickers, who initially did not indicate to authorities that she had caused the accident, was later charged with speed not reasonable for conditions, leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, and reckless driving, said Kirkland Police Chief Daniel English.

When Kirkland police responded to the call, Vickers was not in the vehicle and could not be identified as the driver, said Kirkland Police Officer Michael Jones. Her two passengers, Austin Freemont and Rebecca Sadek '04, also indicated that Vickers was not driving the vehicle at the time of the accident, said Chief English.

PHOTO BY CHRISOTPHER LAROSA '03

**Both airbags deployed in Vickers's Volvo when her car struck a curb and slid across a pedestrian walkway in front of the Residential Life office at 1:30 a.m. Saturday.**

"Based on what we saw, she was definitely under the influence of alcohol," said Chief English describing Vickers condition at the scene of the accident. Because Vickers was not identifiable as the driver at the scene of the accident, she did not have to submit to a breathalyzer test, said English. Without breathalyzer Vickers can not be charged with driving while intoxicated, said English.

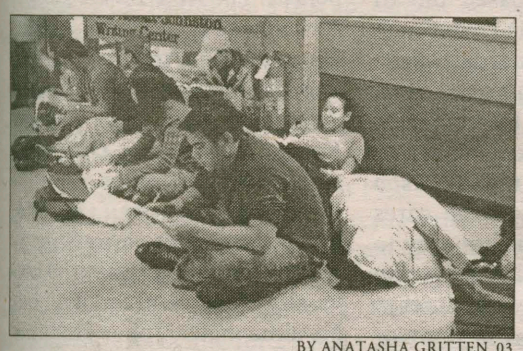
*see **Crash**, page 4*

# Web-based registration online for spring semester

by **Kathleen McGrory '05**
*ASSOCIATE COPY EDITOR*

The success of this week's trial run of Web Advisor, a test in which twenty randomly selected students from each class year had the opportunity to register for classes online, ensured a Spring 2002 campus-wide release for the web-based registration program.

"The new product, Web Advisor, provides for web registration from anywhere with web access, be it abroad, in a Hamilton lab, or at home," explained Registrar Kristin Friedel.



BY ANATASHA GRITTEN '03

**Long waits in registration lines will be a thing of the past when the registrar switches to web-based registration.**

Aside from providing a web-interface for registration, Web Advisor allows students to search for courses by queries including availability, time, day, and department. In addition, the new program allows students to

*see **Registration**, page 13*

# Student Assembly facilitates discussion between town, college

by **Sarah Karalunas '04**
*NEWS EDITOR*

Students, faculty, administrators, and members of the town of Clinton came together on Nov. 12 to discuss problems that exist in the college's relationship with the town and ways to improve that relationship.

The deteriorating rapport between college and town has been highlighted this year because of the many complaints issued about both students living in town and those who come downtown on weekend nights.

Student Assembly President Ray Ash '02, who facilitated the meeting, asked those in attendance to focus their comments on town-gown relations, stressing that the meeting's main goal was to facilitate discussion between the town and college. While Ash asked those in attendance to suggest possible solutions to the problem, he added that the meeting was merely the first step in improving town-gown relations.

Many of the village members in attendance were current or past Hamilton employees. "I've lived in town for 21 years. I've taught at this college for 44 years. I'm both town and gown," said Hamilton B. Tompkins Professor of English Lit-

*see **Student Assembly**, page 6*

## Sexual assault charges dropped

by **Christopher LaRosa '03**
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

An investigation into an alleged sexual assault in Bundy East was closed after having been deemed unfounded, said Onieda Country Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigator Sergeant Ryan Pfendler.

Pfendler said that interviews were conducted and information uncovered during the investigation, leading the police to the conclusion that the allegations were unsubstantianted. "The suspect is no longer a suspect," said Pfendler.

Hamilton College Campus Safety, the Kirkland Poliece Department, and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office responded to a call alledging sexual early Sunday morning, November 4.

"No stone was left unturned," said Kirkland Police Chief Daniel English of the investigation. After preliminary investigation the KPD called the Oneida County Sheriff Department's forensics and investigation teams to aid in the invesigation, said English.

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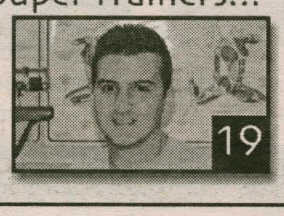


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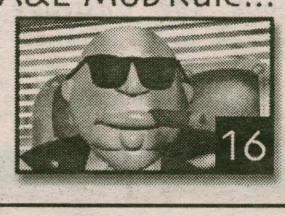



Tasty Turkey...

# Diversity through exposure: Students of Color Senior Visit

**by Andy Horner '03**
*SPORTS EDITOR*

Known as the Student of Color Senior Visit, each fall Hamilton invites high school seniors of color to the Hill to live with student hosts for a two-night visit. This past weekend, approximately 40 students came to the Hill as part of this program.

Like most small, liberal arts colleges in the northeast, Hamilton is home to a predominantly white student body. One of the difficulties that schools such as Hamilton encounter is enticing qualified students of color to enroll. For students of color who have not before lived in a community that is over 90 percent white, there can be feelings of loneliness and frustration that white students do not experience.

"Oh, yeah, it was like a whole new world the first time," said Armando Conde '03. "The only reason that I wasn't totally shocked by life here at Hamilton as a freshman was because I had seen it before."

Conde, who was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, was hardly surprised when he entered the overwhelmingly white campus of Hamilton College as a first year student, despite growing up in a neighborhood that is predominantly latino. His ease was due in large part to his experience as a prospective student, when the college invited him, during his senior year in high school, to attend Multicultural Weekend. Over the course of two days and two nights, Conde was able to meet other students of color who were currently attending Hamilton. He also was able to get a pretty good idea of what the student body was like.

Conde elaborated on his experience, "Yeah, I saw there were mostly white kids who were well-off, but I met a lot of interesting people during that weekend, both minorities and not."

In the past this the Student of Color Senior Visit was scheduled for a different weekend than the Prospective Students' Open House, however for the past two years, the two events have been scheduled to coincide. This lets the prospective students of color meet and interact with all of the types of students who may one day become their classmates.

Assistant Dean and Director of Multicultural Recruitment Andrea DuVall explained, "We wanted them to have some experience of visiting a predominantly white campus."

The students who are invited for the Student of Color Senior Visit are generally high school seniors from the northeast, but the program has begun to attract interest from students in other areas, including Detroit, Chicago, and Florida.

The college makes available to the visiting students of color some college seminars and workshops, but allows them to make their own choices on which activities to attend.

This year, groups such as La Vanguardia, the BLSU, the Asian Cultural Society, and Finesse, Hamilton's step team, went out of their way to schedule events for the visiting students of color to attend.

However, many students of color currently attending Hamilton see this schedule of events as deceptive. "I think that [the prospectives of color] are being deceived, because it is not what it is really like," Joanne Merine '03 commented. "These events are specifically organized for the entertainment of the students of color, and if they do choose to come here, it will be a shock that such events don't happen regularly. There needs to be more social events where there are all races alike."

Merine, one of the original members of Finesse, felt that not enough other campus groups held events during the Open House/ Students of Color Senior Visit weekend.

Indeed, the weekend was devoid of more common Hamilton entertainment such as *a cappella* concerts and CAB-sponsored comedians and bands. Despite that, many students were able to find common Hamilton social options, such as Greek parties and spontaneous gatherings of students in residence halls.

Conde recalled his weekend on campus as a senior in high school, "I remember going to a Latin party, and then going to some DU party in Bundy, and then going to hang out in some lounge in Babbit."

Furthermore, the program pairs each student of color with a student host, and there are no restrictions on who can volunteer to host visiting students of color. This exposes the visitors to a wide range of Hamilton students.

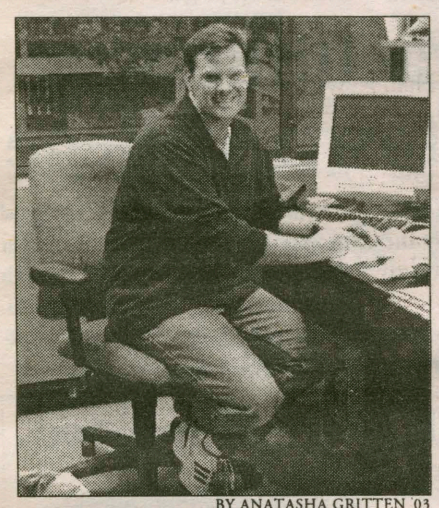
"Our hosts come from all different backgrounds, they are students who are willing to come forward and show people the ropes," commented DuVall.

This simultaneous exposure

# Press impressed with Klinkner's, Gold's research

**by Elizabeth Dolan '05**
*NEWS WRITER*

Between the lectures, the office hours, and the Backus House lunches, Hamilton Professors are receiving national and international recognition in their respective fields in highly acclaimed newspapers around the world.


BY ANATASHA GRITTEN '03
**Professor Philip Klinkner**

*Kathimerini*, a newspaper in Athens, printed an article written by Dr. Barbara Gold, professor of classics. USA today printed an article by Dr. Philip Klinkner, associate professor of government.

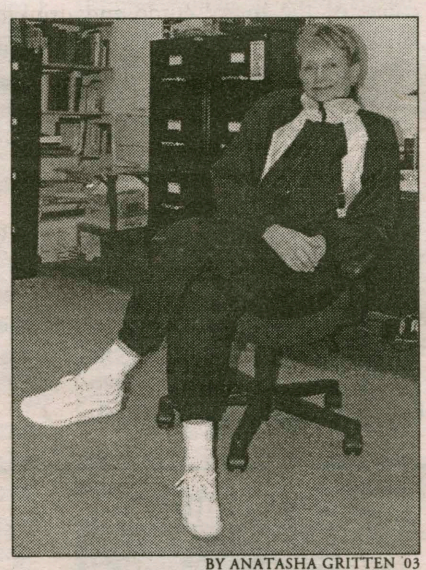
Gold's article, which addressed the influence of feminism on classical philology, was her most recent in a number of internationally printed articles. *Kathimerini* devoted their entire issue to articles, by experts in different areas of the field, about all aspects of the importance of Classical Studies. Academics from Princeton, Wellesley, Oxford, Cambridge, as well as universities in Greece, Germany, and Switzerland were featured in the paper. Among these experts, Gold was the only representative of a Liberal Arts college.

Wife of Hamilton professor Dr. Carl Rubino and avid tennis player, Gold finds publishing to be an integral part of her profession. She is currently spending her sabbatical working on a number of projects, which includes editing her internationally recognized collection of journals. "I try to keep up with my scholarship all the time, even when I am teaching full time," Gold says. "I don't think you can be a good teacher if you aren't constantly learning."

Klinker agrees that research is a significant aspect of his profession: "To publish you must be aware of what is going on in the field; the more you are aware the better teacher you are." Previously Klinker has been nationally recognized for the publishing of his book *The Unsteady March*. In his latest article, which was published in both USA Today and The New York Times, Klinker assesses the racial breakdown of spoiled ballots in Florida in the 2000 election, a topic that he has incorporated within his Race in American Democracy class.

Klinker says avid research in his field gives him an advantage in the classroom. "Those professors who research and publish are doing exactly what they expect of their students," Klinker remarks. "Research projects give the students and faculty a chance to interact and co-educate each other."

Klinkner demonstrates true enthusiasm for working with his students on published works and views these projects as a means to incorporate his outside research into the classroom and to link his projects to the Hamilton community.


BY ANATASHA GRITTEN '03
**Professor Barbara Gold**

# Hertsgaard will address campus Monday

**by Sarah M. Gould '05**
*NEWS WRITER*

The distinguished author, journalist, and broadcaster Mark Hertsgaard will give a lecture to the students and faculty of Hamilton on Monday, November 19. In addition to publishing numerous books and articles for distinguished newspapers throughout the world, Hertsgaard has also made his presence known on many television and radio shows as an activist and commentator.

Professor of English Catherine Kodat, Hertsgaard's long time friend and co-worker, is responsible for bringing him to the Hill. Kodat and Hertsgaard met while working on *City Paper*, a biweekly alternative paper based out of Baltimore. "While I went on to a job in conventional daily journalism at the *Baltimore Sun*, Mark stuck with his choice of providing an independent critique, working mostly as a freelancer on issues he cares deeply about. It is not easy to support yourself this way – you really have to have an intense belief in the power of journalism to do good in the world – and I respect him enormously," said Professor Kodat.

Hertsgaard has published a string of books since 1983. His first was entitled *Nuclear Inc.: The Men and Money Behind Nuclear Energy* (Pantheon). In 1988, Farrar, Straus & Giroux published his *On Bended Knee: The Press and the Reagan Presidency*; in 1995, he published *A Day in the Life: The Music and Artistry of the Beatles*, which was released in eleven countries; and in 1999, *Earth Odyssey: Around the World in Search of Our Environmental Future*, was published in eight countries.

In his next book, due to be published in the fall of 2002, Hertsgaard discusses the reasons why the international world is so fascinated and infuriated with America. "He had begun planning this project well before September 11, but the attacks and events since then have given the topic a new urgency," Kodat said.

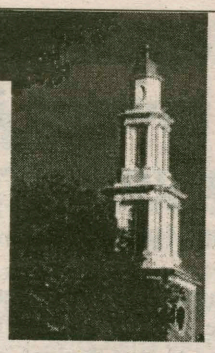
As a journalist, Hertsgaard has had articles published in such magazines and newspapers as: *The New Yorker*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Vanity Fair*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Village Voice*, *The London Observer*, and numerous other international publications. He has given lectures at various institutions including Harvard University, Yale University, and his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University. He has also appeared on such television shows as "Crossfire," "Nightline," and "Today." Hertsgaard currently lives in San Francisco.

Hersgaard's lecture will be held in the Red Pit in the Kirner-Johnson building on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

## IVORY TOWERS

### THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04



### 3 Pakistani U. Oklahoma students detained

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — A federal law enforcement agency has detained three Pakistani University of Oklahoma students, including the president of the Pakistani Student Association.

Which agency arrested the three was not disclosed, but a source said the students were picked up Thursday because of immigration irregularities.

Electrical engineering junior Mohammad Yaseen Haider, business senior Nabeel Khalid and computer engineering senior Mohammad Imran Shaikh were all roommates at 207-B Wadsack Drive in Kraettli Apartments, an OU complex south of Lindsey Street.

Neighbors saw three law enforcement agents searching the apartment last week for about an hour.

The agents also searched the students' computers.

In September, Haider, president of the Pakistani Student Association, said three men attacked him because he is Arab. Two were OU students, and President David Boren expelled one and brought student-code violation charges against the other.

The FBI would not confirm if it or the Immigration and Naturalization Service were involved in the students' arrests.

### Anti-sweatshop group increases influence of schools it services

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — The anti-sweatshop organization criticized by some activists as corporately controlled increased the influence of the universities it services last month, in what supporters say is a significant step toward improving the labor conditions in which university-label apparel is manufactured.

Changes made late last month in Fair Labor Association proceedings added two university representatives to its board of directors, accredited two new independent monitoring agencies and welcomed new corporations into the fold.

The FLA is an organization of universities, corporations and nongovernmental organizations that sets standards for companies that manufacture apparel and oversees the monitoring of the factories that produce the apparel. Columbia University joined the FLA in March 1999.

The FLA enters into agreements with companies that produce goods such as footwear and apparel and more recently has expanded its jurisdiction to companies that make items including outdoor furniture and sports bottles. These agreements require the companies to hire independent monitors that regularly inspect the factories in which the goods are made.

### U. Minnesota to argue first Supreme Court case

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — The University of Minnesota will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 26, marking the institution's first appearance before the nation's highest court.

Lance Raygor and Jim Goodchild's case against the University began in 1995 with an age discrimination complaint, but over the past six years it has evolved into a broader issue of state versus federal power.

The men's complaint began in 1995 when Raygor and Goodchild filed separate age discrimination claims. The two men, who were both 52 years old at the time, worked as senior broadcast technicians in University Media Resources. Raygor had worked for the University 31 years and Goodchild for 28 years, and both were the oldest employees in their department.

In December 1994 supervisors asked the men to retire early. When they refused to leave their positions, they were harassed by managers, demoted and forced to take a pay cut, Raygor and Goodchild said.

The University, a state institution, argued it is immune to suits in federal courts under the 11th Amendment. According to the amendment, citizens cannot bring suit against a state in federal court.

"The federal court had no jurisdiction in this case," University General Counsel Mark Rotenberg said.

## WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

### Bush, Putin fail to reach agreement

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to strike a deal Thursday on the issue that has divided them the most, U.S. plans for a national missile defense, even as they hailed a new era of warm U.S-Russian cooperation.

Bush and Putin family greeting each other AP

"We have a difference of opinion," Bush said at the end of three days of casual summitry in Washington and on Bush's central Texas ranch.

But they agreed on a range of other issues.

Bush said that he and Putin had pledged to reduce nuclear weapons, discussed cooperation in the war on terrorism and in stopping the spread of weapons, and considered "ways our economies can grow together."

Speaking to students at Crawford High School, Bush cited "a new relationship ... that will make our lives better."

Putin, speaking through a translator, called Bush, "A person who does what he says."

Bush had hoped to win an agreement from Putin to abandon or modify the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, which prohibits national missile defenses. Still, there had been little expectation that the meetings in Washington and on Bush's ranch would produce such a breakthrough.

"We shall continue our discussions," Putin said.

### Algeria focuses on flood cleanup

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Bulldozers, cranes and tractors dug into piles of hardened mud in the streets of Algiers Thursday, as rescuers focused on cleanup efforts after hopes faded for more survivors of floods that killed more than 700 people.

Health officials in the capital worried that bodies trapped for days in the mud could cause outbreaks of disease, so rescue workers abandoned their shovels and turned instead to heavy-duty machinery.

The Interior Ministry put the official death toll at 701, and Algerian media said it could rise to 1,000. Scores of people were missing.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan joined others expressing sympathy, and welcomed the "quick and generous response" to Algeria's appeal for emergency assistance. France and Tunisia offered medicine, blankets and food.

### Fishermen survive adrift on Pacific

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Two fishermen survived almost five months adrift on the Pacific Ocean in a small metal boat by catching fish and birds and drinking rainwater, one of the survivors and a doctor said Monday.

Two other men died during the torrid journey, which saw them drift nearly 2,480 miles west from Western Samoa to Papua New Guinea.

Lafaili Tofi, 36, and Telea Pa'a, 27, were extremely lucky to be alive, said Dr. Barry Kirby from Alotau Hospital in eastern Papua New Guinea.

"Basically they survived on the rainwater they got while they were drifting, some small fish which they caught and also some birds which landed on the ... vessel," Kirby said in a telephone interview.

The survivors were finally rescued last week by a villager on Normanby Island in Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea, who paddled out to them after they fired off their last flare.

"They suffered from exposure and were basically on a starvation diet," he said. "One man is unable to walk, he's a stretcher case. He's very, very wasted and he was probably about a week away from death. The other man was quite strong considering his ordeal."

## NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

### Conn. has reputation for corruption

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — The Constitution State has long been known as the wealthiest in the union. These days, however, Connecticut is becoming known for something else: corruption.

The mayor of the state's largest city, Bridgeport, faces two dozen felony counts including extortion, bribery and mail fraud. In Waterbury, the mayor is accused of paying a prostitute to arrange sex with two young girls.

Two sheriffs have been arrested in recent years on corruption charges and the police department in Hartford, the capital, is under federal investigation. Even a former state treasurer is awaiting sentencing on racketeering and money laundering charges.

"Usually when people think of Connecticut they think of New England town meetings, they think of Yankee maverick independence," said John Orman, a professor of politics at Fairfield University. "They think of this almost incorruptible spirit."

Corruption is as old as politics and is nothing new in Connecticut. But one factor in the recent rash of high-profile corruption cases is the zeal of the state's former U.S. attorney, Stephen Robinson.

Robinson, who stepped down in May, said he sought out complicated corruption cases to show the public that the power of the federal government didn't target poor people or minorities.

### N.J. restricts immigrant Dr. license

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey has stopped issuing driver's licenses to immigrants whose visas expire within a year.

Two of the Sept. 11 hijackers had licenses from the state.

The change, which took effect Wednesday, was prompted by a security review undertaken after the attacks, the Division of Motor Vehicles said.

Several of the 19 hijackers used fraudulently obtained driver's licenses that helped them open bank accounts, buy airline tickets and rent cars.

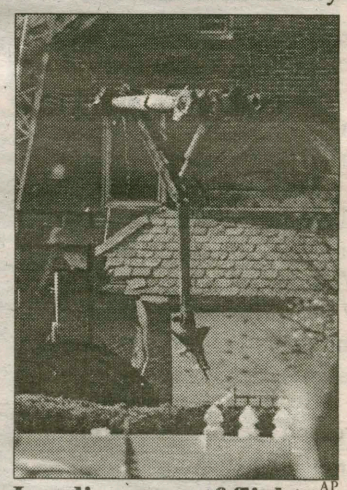
Ringleader Mohamed Atta and accomplice Abdulaziz Alomari had New Jersey licenses, according to Maine state police. The FBI and New Jersey authorities would not say whether the licenses were fake or had been obtained fraudulently.

Until recently, New Jersey had issued four-year driver's licenses to immigrants even if they were authorized to stay in the United States for a few months.

Immigrants with visas that expire in less than a year will now be allowed to drive in New Jersey only with a valid driver's license from their native country. Those with visas expiring in more than a year will be given licenses good only for as long as their visa is valid.

### Investigator: tail fin broke first

NEW YORK (AP) — The pilots on American Flight 587 probably didn't know the tail had broken off as they desperately tried to right the doomed jetliner, a federal investigator said Thursday.



Landing gear of flight AA 587 is removed in Queens. AP

"They don't have a rearview mirror," George Black Jr. of the National Transportation Safety Board said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They have no idea they've lost a tail."

Black said investigators are almost certain the 27-foot tail was the first part to break off the Airbus A300. Both engines also fell off as the plane went down shortly after takeoff Monday from Kennedy Airport, killing all 260 people aboard and five more on the ground in Queens.

# Jitney pelted with Pumpkins

by Sarah Karalunas '04
*NEWS EDITOR*

Jitney drivers reported students throwing pumpkins at the jitney last Saturday night. Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls said that the incident had been referred to the Kirkland Police Department.

Nick Roberge '03, one of the two jitney drivers on duty Saturday night, reported that students on the south side of College Hill Road near Elm Street threw pumpkins at the jitney on four separate occasions. The pumpkins hit both Roberge's jitney and the jitney driven by the second driver, Joe Livingston '02.

"The other driver initially thought rocks were being thrown at his jitney. This happened a number of times. Later, I had something thrown at my vehicle. It was a bit scary because we didn't know where they were throwing at it and we couldn't see the people," said Livingston.

"Pieces of pumpkin hit right below the driver's side window," said Roberge. "I stopped to try and find out who was doing it and saw them run behind houses. Then, I called KPD." Roberge said that the houses students ran behind were rented by Hamilton Collge students.

In general, students are polite and respect drivers, said Livingston. "For the most part people are very respectful, most people thank me, but I'd say there's a very small group of

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# Watkins examines birth control through the ages

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
news writer

In the jam-packed Kirner-Johnson Auditorium, Elizabeth Siegel Watkins gave a talk entitled "Birth Control and Controlling Birth: Struggles Over Reproductive Rights in the 20th Century" on Thursday night.

Watkinss' visit is part of the Kirkland Project's series, "The Body in Question." She is a visiting associate professor of history at Carnegie Mellon University, and she is also the author of the book On the Pill. Published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, this book catalogues the social history of oral contraception. Watkins's visit to Hamilton was co-sponsored by the Levitt Center and the Sociology Department.

The Kirkland Project sent out an email describing Watkins's visit to campus: "This talk presents the history of the movement to legalize birth control, and the resistance these efforts met from legislators, judges, religious leaders, doctors, and others who sought to make women's reproductive decisions for them. It also addresses the use of birth control for social purposes, the shaping of public policies to control births, and the impact of these policies on women's reproductive freedom."

Watkins's talk focused on her interest in the history of science and medicine and how it affects women's bodies and their lives. Watkins stressed that women's efforts to control their fertility are not unique to the 20th century. Women's attempts to control reproduction date back thousands of years. In fact, there is evidence from records going back to 1550 BCE of women attempting to control reproduction. In just a 45-minute talk, Watkins managed to cover in extensive detail women's efforts to control reproduction from the 18th century to today.

The historical figure Margaret Sanger played a major part in Watkins's lecture. Sanger established the first birth control clinic in New York City. Sanger believed in the right of women to have knowledge of birth control methods and contraceptives. Unlike the majority of today's feminists, Sanger believed that birth control was in the hands and power of women. Sanger viewed this responsibility as a blessing and not a burden. In Sanger's view science and technology would solve the problem of birth control. She lived in the era of "scientific miracles."

Watkins also noted the classism and racism present throughout the history of the control of reproduction. There is a cultural association of women and reproduction, and men are often left almost completely out of the picture when it comes to issues of birth control. Watkins also mentioned that historically, people concentrated on lower classes as a kind of "reproductive problem." Over the years birth control was much more available to people of the lower class than people of the upper class.

Melissa Stoos '04 attended the talk because it was mandatory for her American Society course. The class had just read a book on abortion with a political emphasis. Stoos '04 says, "It's great, because we now get to look at the topic of abortion from different perspectives and approach it in different ways."

Diana Wolovnick '04 went to the lecture on her own accord. "My Sociology professor mentioned it in class, and it seemed like something interesting to think about," she said.

# Student causes crash near Milbank

*from **Crash**, page 1*

"We don't test for sobriety until we're exactly sure who's driving," said Officer Jones.

Saturday, after the police questioned a witness not in the car and again questioning Vickers and her passengers, Vickers admitted to driving the car at the time of the accident, said Officer Jones.

Vickers declined to comment as to whether she was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. Sadek, one of her passengers, said Vickers was not under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

Vickers and her two passengers were returning from a Kappa Delta Omega (KDO) function at Alfredo's Banquet Hall on Route 5 in New Hartford, NY when the accident occurred, said Sadek.

Kappa Delta Omega held a function at the banquet hall, confirmed Alfredo's owner Christopher Beach. He said that Alfredo's has certified bartenders serve alcohol at events held on their premises.

KDO President '02 Julie Chapnick said that busses ran to and from campus during the party.

Vickers and Chapnick declined to comment on whether Vickers was in attendance at the function.

In the accident Vickers drove a 1996 Volvo 960 Wagon over a granite curb before plowing upward toward the Milbank building. Airbags in the car deployed as a result of the crash. Officer Jones said that pieces of the underbody of the car, including the transmission, were strewn from the curb to the car's final resting place near the Milbank residence hall. Jones placed a "very rough estimate" of the car's speed at 35-40 miles per hour. He said no injuries resulted from the crash and all passengers were wearing seat belts.

Students in Milbank residence hall reported hearing a loud noise and feeling their building shake.

"I heard a loud screeching noise; I walked outside to see if I could see anything. I didn't. I mentioned to Nancy Perkins that McEwen Circle definitely needs speed bumps to slow people down," Milbank RA Adam Lalor '04.

# Student Assembly takes step toward improving town-gown relations

*from **Student Assembly**, page 1*

erature, Emeritus Austin Briggs. "Maybe the students living off-campus need to start thinking of themselves in that way too."

Briggs explained that he lives down the street from a house of Hamilton students and that he and his wife have been awoken frequently by loud parties, despite past conversations with the students about problems with noise.

"I love students. I wouldn't still be teaching if I didn't, but I have no happy relationship with my neighbors," said Briggs.

Many residents agreed that there has been increased cause for concern in the past three to four years. "There's always been noise, but usually it's 15 minutes or a half-hour when the bars let out, and then it's over. Now it starts at dark, might stop for a little while, and then flares up until two or three in the morning," said Cornelia Brown, a Williams Street resident who was accompanied at the meeting by her young son. Brown expressed concern for herself as well as her son, who had been woken up by the noise.

Students at the meeting blamed the increased problems in the village to what they considered a lack of social options on campus. "I'd love to have a party at my house with just 20 people, just my friends, but there are no options on campus, so they [other students] come down to my house; then they're my responsibility," said Brett Lowinger '02, who lives in town.

Another student who lives downtown also lamented the lack of social options; "Hamilton has choked off our ability to have parties on campus. College students are going to drink. How, when, and where can be better controlled by Campus Safety if people on campus are the ones throwing the party." The student pointed out Middlebury, where fraternity and sorority houses exist, but are owned by the college, as an example for Hamilton to follow.

Both students and administrators took issue with the supposition that there is little to do on campus.

President Eugene Tobin passionately defended the College's position: "There is nothing the college can do to satisfy the argument that there's nothing to do on campus because if it [an event] is non-alcoholic, then it's not [considered] an option and the College isn't in the business of supplying alcohol."

An Admissions Office employee, and 2000 Hamilton graduate, said, "You don't have to get drunk to have fun. Go to a lecture."

Dave Lyons '03, head of the Intersociety Council, contested the idea that it is more difficult to throw parties on campus now than in the past. "We need to put an end to the idea that it's so hard to throw a party. It's not," he said.

Lisa Magnerelli, interim director of student activities, pointed out that there were plenty of opportunities to throw parties on campus, but that no one was taking advantage of them. She said that she had TIPS trained 128 people this semester and noted that the Annex could be used to throw parties for up to 250 people from Wednesday through Saturday.

"While it [the Annex] might not be the best option [in terms of attractiveness], no one's choosing to take advantage of it," she said.

Magnerelli stressed that she was willing to help any group on campus that wanted to have a party to meet the College's requirements. "You need to take basic precautions. If you follow very basic guidelines and we'll help you do it you can have a fun, safe event," she said.

Leslie North, a former employee and Williams Street resident, noted that many students did not seem to take responsibility for their actions downtown: "I'm hearing, 'We don't have to change. You have to change.' That's neither mature, nor smart."

Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls also lamented students' lack of personal responsibility. "Students need to curb their behavior. You don't need to be using four-letter words, and you don't need to be urinating against buildings," she said.

Tobin asked earnestly, "Where's everyone else's personal responsibility? Where do students come into this?"

Many villagers wished to see more opportunities for positive interaction between the Clinton population and Hamilton students. They hoped this would improve the town-gown relationship overall, even if it does not address the complaints specifically.

"I know who you [students] are. I know you're wonderful people. They [other villagers] don't," said North.

Brown suggested an after school program staffed by Hamilton students. The program would fulfill a community need as well as provide circumstance for positive interaction.

Gina Haskins, of 4 Marvin Street, suggested a coffee shop in town run by the college, similar to one at Colgate University.

Other community members suggested better publicity for campus events, such as all-campus barbeques, in the town, and vice versa, and that students patronize stores in Clinton more often.

Ash and Deenah Byramjee '03 said that that they would meet with the administration to discuss the suggestions raised, and that they would serve as the "main liaison" between students, the town, and administrators. Ash and Byramjee will also attend the December Village Trustees meeting.

# Editorial

In order for a student-run paper to be successful, it needs cooperation from the students, faculty, community, and, above all, the administration. This is not always the case here at Hamilton. The community should realize that withholding information from and refusing to speak with *The Spectator* only hurts the campus in the long run. This was never more apparent than in last week's issue, when members of the administration, the Kirkland Police Department, and the Oneida County Sheriff's Department did not make reasonable efforts to provide *The Spectator* with as much information as possible about the alleged on-campus sexual assault. As a result, two days of investigation only produced a short and somewhat vague article. Patrica Ingalls did make efforts to work with the Spectator, but without the co-operation of her colleges and local law enforcement officers, The Spectator was unable to provide the clearest account of events. When dealing with any serious issue, not providing prompt, straightforward information leads to confusion and misinformation among our community.

Last week's issue was not an isolated instance of the community refusing to work with *The Spectator*. This has occurred on numerous occasions, and the more it continues to occur, the wider the information gap between those who read *The Spectator* becomes. For us to do our job of informing our readers– students, faculty members, alumni, trustees, and the Clinton community itself– we need much accurate and timely information as possible.

For any member of our community to restrict the freedom of the press, passively or actively, is to deny our publication its legal right. More importantly, by restricting our ability to be a primary source of campus information, groups or members of our community alienate, and in fact lie to, everyone who reads *The Spectator*. A student newspaper can only be as good and as credible as the community will help it to be.

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# Jet Crashes Over Rockaway Neighborhood in NYC

**by Katrina Lexa '05**
*NEWS WRITER*

Terrorism has not been implicated in the crash Monday morning of American Airlines Flight 587.

The doomed jetliner was on its way to the Dominican Republic from Kennedy International Airport when it crashed just three minutes after takeoff. Witnesses say that one of the engines caught fire during flight and broke off from the wing, sending the plane into a nosedive. The jet crashed into several homes in the quiet neighborhood of Belle Harbor in Queens.

All passengers were killed, as were several local residents. Airports were closed, bridges and tunnels blocked off and security tightened at government buildings all over the country. New York City was put on high alert as the nation awaited news determining the crash's place in the growing list of terrorist attacks.

The cockpit voice recorder revealed conversation between the pilots about losing control due to a wake following the Japan Airlines aircraft that had taken off just before. Rattling noises were heard from the airframe, and at 144 seconds of recording the tape went blank. However, there is no evidence that would lead investigators to believe that the tragic flight was an act of terrorism.

"It was an accident," says Joel Orkin-Ramey '05. "Basically, it was mechanical issues; I would put money on that. Before Sept. 11, people wouldn't even have thought of terrorism."

Although the investigators have been reluctant to rule out terrorism, the FBI has not taken over investigation of the crash, implying that government officials have not found any signs of criminal intent. Tapes from the voice box recorder were sent to the National Transportation Safety Board, where experts will pour over the short recordings and try to make sense out of the crash.

"It's pretty scary," Ernie DiGiovanni '05 replied. "I think it was just bad timing for a bad accident."

The Rockaway neighborhood has spent the last two months recovering from its losses in the World Trade Center, only to be hit with another disaster. Almost 100 people from the area died in the Sept. 11 attack. In a city already on edge, the Flight 587 crash only added to the burdens. Nearby schools were converted to morgues and local residents spent the day fighting blazes and helping the victims.

New York City rallied around its residents. Grief counseling centers have been set up to relieve the strain on everyone. The city is still flooded with tourists and visiting companies, showing their support and using its great resources. Despite the initial dip in stocks just following the crash, the market recovered.

# China, Taiwan admitted to WTO amid speculation about the fate of China's economy

**by Mithat Yaltir '03**
*NEWS WRITER*

The day after China's admittance to World Trade Organization (WTO), the organization also unanimously approved the admission of Taiwan.

President George W. Bush in his welcoming speech said, "The United States stands ready to work constructively with both economies...we also look forward to the great benefits we know that greater trade will bring to all our peoples."

WTO Director General Michael Moore is also very pleased about the recent additions to the WTO: "This is a defining moment. The world has now changed, and changed for the better," he said. Following these latest admissions, 20 candidate nations are waiting to become part of the international trade organization.

China became one of the major exporters in the world by making use of low labor costs. Therefore, it is likely the China will play a crucial role in the WTO. Some Asian countries are concerned that China will gain at their expense as a result of economic power China gains as member of the WTO.

Director Moore is aware of such possibility, but he believes Asian countries will mutually benefit. "Of course China is going to be very competitive, but having China competitive under [WTO] rules...is in the whole world's interests," he said. Chinese official also assured that China would support the concerns of the developing nations.

China will cut import tariffs and quotas, and lift bans on agricultural products such as corn, wheat, and citrus as a result of the WTO agreement. Thus, the Chinese producers will face tougher foreign competition, which may cause job losses in China. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman estimates agricultural exports to China to increase from $1.7 billion last year to at least $3.7 billion once its WTO commitments are fully implemented.

People debate whether WTO will bring welfare or political instability to China. Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji pointed to his uneasiness about the issue. "Everyone is very happy about the WTO except me. [Global competition for China's inefficient farms] gives me a headache," he said.

In his book, "The Coming Collapse of China," Gordon Chang, an American lawyer who spent five years in Shanghai advising foreign businesses, speculates about the worst-case scenario for China. Chang writes about the political and social unrest arising as a result of WTO agreement, which eventually causes the Communist Party to lose its power.

Hai Wen, an economist at Beijing University, believes that WTO is a vital step for China to show the rest of the world that it adopted a market economy. "[China] will take the market economy road and can't turn back," he said.

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# *Kyoto Protocol awaits ratification*

**by Chris Takacs '05**
*ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR*

Details of the Kyoto Protocol on Global Warming have been decided upon at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The decision finally allows for the implementation of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which has had to overcome numerous obstacles since it's creation. "We have an agreement," stated British Environment Minister Michael Meacher. "It's a remarkable day for the environment after four years of negotiations on Kyoto."

The decision came on Nov. 10, the last day of negotiations.

Last year, implementation talks were halted because of disagreement over "CO2 sinks" – forests that absorb Carbon Dioxide emissions, a greenhouse gas and a major cause of global warming. The United States, the world's biggest carbon dioxide emitter, wanted sinks to be included in the calculations of total emissions. Most other countries disagreed, stating that this would allow the U.S. to not have to work to reduce their emissions, whereas numerous other nations such as China and India would struggle to meet the standards set by the protocol.

The disagreement over the issue of "CO2 sinks" led to the U.S. abandoning the talks in March, raising questions of whether the Kyoto Protocol would ever be implemented and even whether UNFCCC conferences would be held again.

Talks continued, however, and finally, in this most recent conference, all clauses were agreed upon. The Protocol now has to be approved by at least 55 percent of nations representing (in total) 55 percent of carbon dioxide emissions worldwide. 40 nations have already done so.

"I am sure all countries will ratify, except for the United States," said Olivier Deleuze, the European Union's chief delegate to the conference and Belgum's Energy Minister.

President Bush has stated that his administration is laying out plans for an American version of the Kyoto Protocol.

The breakthrough represents a great success in the struggle to fight global warming. UNFCCC talks were first held in Buenos Aires in 1992 (at what was called COP1, the first Conference of Parties). It took five years for the Kyoto Protocol to be written, and four more to iron out the details of implementation.

The protocol is the first United Nations agreement that deals specifically with global warming. Most environmental groups have acclaimed it as a great step forward in the fight against global warming, which many scientists predict would significantly raise sea levels, flood many areas, melt parts of the icecaps, and cause massive temperature changes worldwide.

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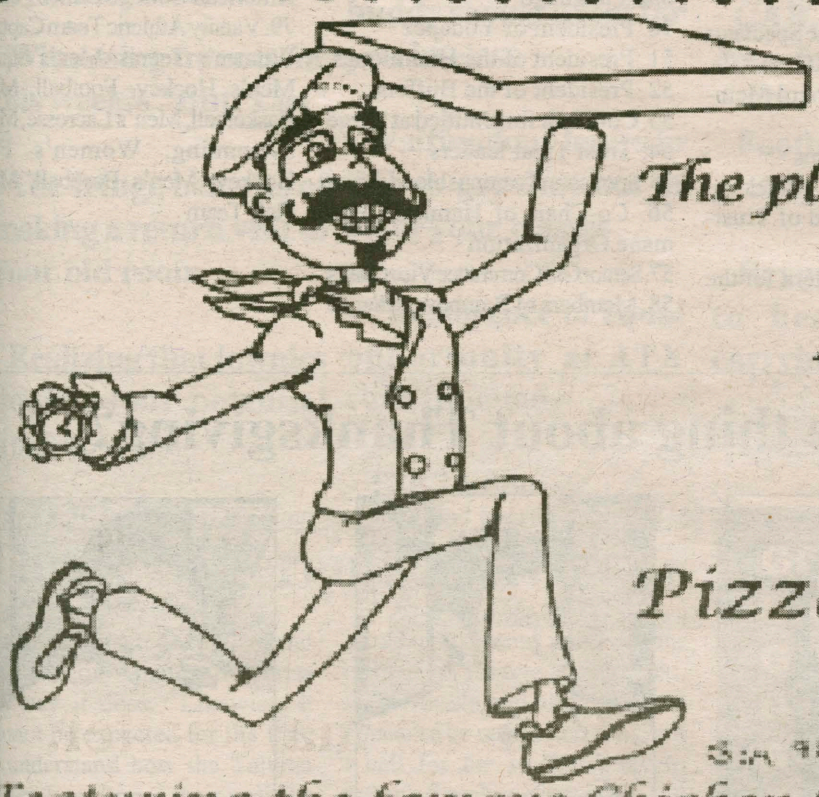

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# Insights & Ideas

## Questioning America's Progress

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Even the staunchest patriot or most peace-minded opponent of violence cannot turn a blind eye to some interesting ways of thinking about this bloody conflict. It does not take a philosophy class to be educated in the ways of alternative mind-frames in discussing current affairs. If you consciously attempt to remove yourself from all of your inherent beliefs and backgrounds, and think about our current war with an open-mind, you can benefit greatly from trying to understand American institutions in a different perspective.

Today in my philosophy class, we strayed from the topic of contextualism for about twenty minutes to talk about the Afghani conflict in alternative methods. One thing that we talked about was Anthrax. Would any of us be so petrified or so paranoid about our mail and biological warfare if it weren't for the way our media presents the topic? I've been told that you are less likely to be stricken with a case of serious anthrax than you are to be struck by lightning. If this is true then it's simply a matter of how our society portrays these threats in relation to the reasonable fear of the American public.

A participant of the discussion then commented that when he watched the news and saw footage of the Afghani peoples' way of life, he marveled at how technologically far behind the rest of world they looked. It is true; Afghanistan's technology is not comparable to that of America's, but that is because people pay huge amounts of money for insurance, for research, and for stocks of Biotech companies. The rich of America are able to donate thousands to research, but quite possibly at the expense of the huge income gap in America. The original comment came with admitting to this fact that America is not even in the same arena as Afghanistan when it comes to medicine. This participant in the discussion was a skilled debater. No doubt, he's a professor, however, it is rare to find this international concept of relativity with an opponent or proponent of military action in Afghanistan.

If we look back on history, do we not see eras of our past that we are ashamed of? The Civil War? Slavery? No suffrage for women? Perhaps the Afghanis look at the way our country pollutes, wastes, and consumes energy resources and are disgusted by our destructive ways of life. Don't get me wrong, I'm not rationalizing anything done by Osama Bin Laden or what is to come from Al Qaeda, but many Americans overlook the plausibility of Americans having learned an ethnocentric history of the U.S. I'm sure that Afghanistan has their share of shameful history as well.

As we saw in *The Spectator* two weeks ago, the subject of the stature of women has been a springboard for debate around campus. Although America's practices in rights for pregnant employees, equal opportunity, and divorce appear to be adequate protection of the civil rights of women in comparison to the Afghani women we see draped in long robes, we still live in a sexist society. It is important to dispel the idea that Islamic women are revered. The Taliban enforces policies specifically restricting the rights of women. They are seen as sub-human in the Islamic community, fit for household slavery, and as a means for procreation. A society that strongly believes in the inferiority of women in the year

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## Greeks Are All Over The Place

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There are countless student-run organizations on our campus. This list is intended to help all members of our community realize that members of Greek Societies extend their abilities outside of their Greek organization in efforts to help members of the Hamilton community at large. We have so many leaders in our midst, both independent as well as Greek, and not one should be discounted for belonging to one certain group, or not belonging to another. This list is long, but it also shows which organizations we are not yet involved in and probably should be. Now is the time we can start figuring out where to help and belong next.

The titles in this list are held by individuals in societies recognized by the college, which have representatives on the ISC. Not every position has been accounted for or contributed, and we hope that the list will continue to grow. The organizations listed consist of many Greek and Independent members who work together.

Our community can only be helped by resisting the tendency to undervalue someone else's worth simply because they look any certain way or fit a certain stereotype. We try to increase diversity and tolerance each year, yet we seem unable to get past personal hang-ups. Everyone at Hamilton has something to offer, and the sooner we all open our minds and appreciate people for who they are and what they are passionate about, the sooner we will all be happier and more comfortable with each other.

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35. Communications & Development Office Intern
36. Chairperson, Big Brothers, Big Sisters (HERO)
37. Member of National Big Brothers Group
38. Co-chairs of AIDS Community Resources
39. Office of Student Activities Intern
40. Orientation Leaders
41. Adirondack Adventure Leaders
42. Alternative Spring Break site leader
43. Senior Tutor at The Writing Center
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45. Spanish T.A.s
46. Spanish tutors
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48. President of the French Club
49. Teachers of English as a Second Language
50. President of Yodapez
51. President of the Hamiltones
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53. Co-Chair for Untitled at Large
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55. Sponsors of campus blood drives
56. Co-Chair of Hamilton Humane Organization
57. Senior Gift Committee Vice Chairs
58. Members of Rainbow Alliance
59. Member of Democracy Matters
60. Co-chairs of Advertising Club
61. Members of Hillel
62. IVCF Small Group Leader
63. Secretary of Chem. Club
64. Co-Chair of FebFest
65. Co-Chair of Winter Ball
66. Member of ACS (Asian Cultural Society)
67. President of the Cooking Club
68. RAs
69. Lifeguards
70. EMTs
71. Former Volunteer Firemen
72. Student Security Guards
73. Former All American Swimmers
74. President of Men's Rugby
75. President of Women's Rugby
76. Co-Captains of Dance Team
77. VP of Student Dance Alliance
78. Selected Choreographer for American College Dance Festival
79. Varsity Athletic Team Captains: Women's Tennis, Men's Squash, Men's Hockey, Football, Men's Basketball, Men's Lacrosse, Men's Swimming, Women's Field Hockey, Men's Baseball, Men's Golf Team

## Voices: What's your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?

**"The Thanksgiving day football game at my old high school."**
**- Caitlin Springborn '04**

**"Seeing so many family members, they love seeing me because I'm at college. Passing out on the couch isn't too bad either."**
**- Lara Clemenzi '04**

**"I like the parade. The floats go by at eye-level at my cousin's house."**
**- Sasha Kaye '05**

**"Either the beer and football or the nap after dinner."**
**- Adam Friedman '05**

**"I like helping with the cooking, Apple pie and Carrot Cheesecake are my specialties."**
**- Shana Ferer-Feld '03**

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# Weekend Horoscopes

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) You haven't been getting much action lately. Try to smuggle some strategically placed oranges into the rink; get frisked by the Campus Safety officer of your choice! Lucky Game: Hockey.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20) Attract attention and light up every room you enter. With your pants on fire, you're sure to make new friends. Lucky Liquid: Gasoline.

Capricorn (December 21 - January 19) You feel as though you've woken up on the wrong side of bed. Look closely; it might just be the wrong bed. Lucky Song: Walk of Shame.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17) Before you get too frustrated with the limitations, try to keep in mind that the rules are in place for your protection. Pulling that fire alarm will get your butt kicked. Lucky Color: Red.

Pisces (February 18 - March 19) Saturday morning you'll wake up with an urge to do something good for the community. Lie in bed a little longer; it'll pass. Lucky Button: Snooze.

Aries (March 20 - April 19) You could be a star. Dance on as many table tops as you can until you get discovered. Lucky accessory: Tassels.

Taurus (April 20 - May 19) You are having trouble standing up for yourself. Imagine you are someone big and strong. I pity 'da fool, who tries to cross your path. Lucky Style: Mohawk and lots of gold.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20) Make them treat you like the deity you are. Be first in line and make sure your cup overfloweth. Lucky Container: Keg.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21) You feel as though everyone knows something you don't know; and they are laughing behind your back. You are right. Talk to your neighbor, he/she is most likely responsible.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) It's best not to divulge everything about yourself. When people ask what that odor is, just smile knowingly and point at the kid next to you. Lucky Deodorant: Secret.

Virgo (August 23 - September 21) Quit hiding away; expose yourself to the world. Not like that, you pervert! I meant travel. Lucky Vehicle: The Jitney.

Libra (September 22 - October 22) So, the mullet and spandex look isn't working. Try bell-bottoms in powder blue; you'll be super groovy

## thumbs up

**- How everyone on campus will be using this newspaper at the Citrus Bowl**

**- Women's Cross-country making it into the Big Dance**

**- Witnessing tryouts for this week's "Butt List"**

**- The fringe benefits of making a return visit to your old room**

**- Realizing that townies double your potential hookup pool**

## thumbs down

**- Seeing two McEwen employees passionately kiss while serving you beef strogonoff**

**- Arriving at your 10:30 class to see your previous night's bed-buddy saving a seat for you in class**

**- Waiting four hours in line to get shut out of all of your classes**

**- The absence of equal opportunity at ATX rush functions**

**- The Taliban**

## who cares?

**- Drunken students finding out that cars aren't made of rubber**

**- Sports Editor/ Bartender exchanging drinks for sexual favors**

**- CAB, what have they done for me lately?**

**- Football team finally getting a win**

**- Reynolds going back to her toothbrush-carrying ATX roots.**

**- Theme Parties**

by PaulP.Jones'03, Dan Kaufmann '03, and Lauren Reynolds '02

# Think Different...by Bill Chenevert

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cannot be expected to understand why and how America functions the way it does. Likewise, it cannot be expected for the U.S. to understand how the Taliban violently enforces their policies of teenage military participation; we are inherently different civilizations.

I hope that I've pointed out to you some of the different ways that one can think about war, Afghanistan, and other civilizations around the globe. I am essentially a pacifist, but there are several reasons why I see our military offensive as justified. Bioterrorism and brutal warfare appear to be on our horizons, but I call for the student body to rethink their logic just once, and if their stance holds strong, then more power to them. If they change their minds, then at least they're concerned.

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# Resentment Vs. Respect: The RA's Decision

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*I & I Writer*

Was anyone else at the Buffer Cotillion two weekends ago? Who saw and heard the actions, on both sides, that precipitated the breaking up of the party? Was I the only one who wanted to say: "Way to find someone to bust on to look tough?" That seems to be the theme this year, for both campus safety and the RA staff; if we bust one group, others will hopefully steer clear of whatever discouraged activity.

Before I go any further though, let me qualify a few things here. First, I'm not against RAs or Campus Safety; I know they're doing their jobs and that they don't necessarily having to go and ruin other people's fun. Second, I know that the reason why they are busting things up is because rules have been broken. Third, I understand that this is a private college and private property, and that what might otherwise be Constitutional Rights are not recognized here.

That said, I have a great deal of respect for a number of RAs, and not only for what they do, but for the time they give up and the positions they are naturally put into on a very regular basis. True, they get singles, but they also have to deal with meetings and reports and just generally annoying stuff all year. The theory behind having RAs is that peers can monitor and help their advisees better than any administrative individual can. Although in Freshmen rooms there exists a stronger need for making sure students are not hoarding a meth lab or keeping livestock in their foot closets, with upper-classmen this should not be the case. Upper-classmen know the campus; they know other students and professors, and know how to speak up if they have a problem.

This year has seen a change in that attitude which is as disturbing as it is annoying. I've seen RAs invite themselves into rooms to see how people are doing, search the rooms for things that should not be there. I have friends who don't like answering the phone because their RA calls them Thursday through Saturday nights to make sure they aren't having any sort of gathering in their room. I've even seen an RA drinking at a party and then bust it up an hour later. When did RAs become surrogate, nagging parents? Although maintaining basic order, helping their advisees as needed and knowing what's going are all included in the RA mission statement, this year has seen RAs turning from friends with authority into people you don't want to have around. You don't know I they're going to turn on you.

My freshman year, I was in a Dunham quad on the first floor. Life was grand, and we had a total of about 25 feet for the four of us, but we got along really well. We had parties in our room, played our music at odd times (and usually all the time), and had a prank war going on with the quad across the hall. Our RA, who has since graduated, would hang out with us, talk to us, and let us know what was up on campus. I cannot count the number of times I came back from class to find him on the orange shag couch in a pair of shorts playing Mario Golf with someone else. This, however, did not stop him from telling us to quiet things down or to kick everyone out or any other necessary part of RA-dom. RAs learn that, if they bust heads at the start of the semester, people will listen to them. In reality, this creates resentment. If Res Life were to teach how to gain respect instead of how to be feared, RAs would not only have an easier time, but there would be far less damage on this campus.

Think about it for a moment. There's a group of 20 people drinking in a suite, playing music loudly, yelling, and the whole nine yards. The RA comes on over and says, "Hey guys, it's late. Turn it down and keep the booze in your room." The two possible reactions are: 1) "Okay, sure." The RA leaves and then there's a cacophony of "F*** You's." The music goes up again pretty quick. The second option is this: "Okay, sure." The music gets turned down, the booze more than likely stays out but the party becomes far more low key. In situation one, the RA is resented. In the other, the RA derive his power from being respected. Which has the better outcome?

But the RAs aren't the only authority figures on campus. Campus Safety has the same problem this year. They have led people to assume that no matter how discreet, any party is going to be busted up within an hour. And so people get to a party and proceed drink themselves silly within an hour. Then Campus Safety busts it up and people are either drunk or pissed off, so they leave. This makes the officers feel as though they need to bust some chops in order for people to listen. And thus, they too are resented more than anything. Unfortunately, I don't see Campus Safety having the potential to earn personal respect, as it's not likely that the average Hamilton Student sees any of them when they aren't busting something up. Again though, that possibility exists and it's a poor excuse to say, well, that's not as easy as just busting heads.

# Stevens's book uncovers familial and social factors leading to increase in homeschooling

**by Jonathan Price '05**
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In his recently published book, *Kingdom of Children: Culture and Controversy in the Home Schooling Movement*, Assistant Professor of Sociology Mitchell Stevens has delved into all aspects of the home schooling movement in the United States. Beginning his studies in 1989 for a master's degree from the University of Chicago, Professor Stevens chose this topic based on memories of his teenage years.

Growing up in a conservative Protestant family and attending religious school, Stevens came into contact with numerous homeschooled students through school or religious functions. Because homescho- oling during this time was a rare occurence, Stevens was intrigued by the idea and years later found a chance to call on this initial curiosity for his thesis topic. His research took five years, during which he interviewed over fifty homeschooling parents, visited homeschool advocate and support groups, and talked with countless other homeschool advocates and critics. I recently had a chance to speak with Professor Stevens and ask him some questions as to the evolution of homeschooling, where it stands at present, and what the future may hold for this unique form of alternative education.

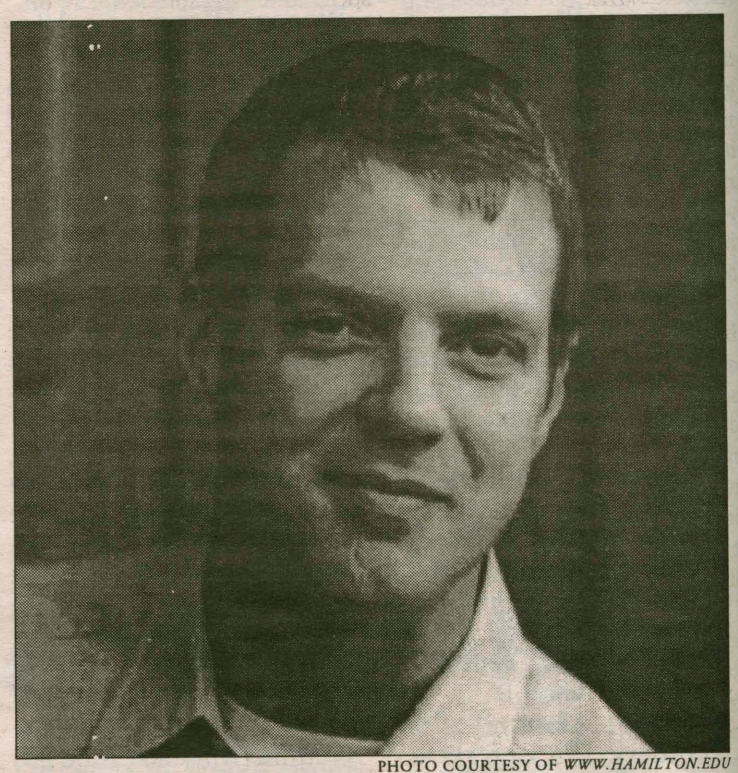
Stevens explains that the conception of homeschooling in the United States was rooted in two separate and distinct traditions. The first of these was the alternative school movement of the 1960s and 70s, more popular on the West Coast, that stressed educational freedom for young people. For those parents and students who resisted the conformity and systematic education found in the school system of the time, homeschooling was one of several new systems hailed by the movement for its scholastic flexibility and freedom.

The second, more influential tradition was the insistence of conservative Protestant and Christian families that their children not be subjected to the secularity of schools in the United States.

Considering these two fouding pillars of homeschooling, one is forced to ask how groups so extremely distinct in their beliefs could have the same ideas about education. Also, knowing the drastic societal changes for women and the increase of women's liberation during the 60s and 70s, how did the mothers of homeschooled children rationalize a continued role within the household setting? As Stevens explains, homeschooling offers both groups a way to develop and mold their children's education in conjunction with their unique ideological beliefs and without state interference. As for the question of women's involvement in the process, the idea of homeschooling requiring a mundane and inactive role for the modern mother represents one of the great misconceptions held by critics of the system from its inception to its present state. In reality, the role of a homeschooling mother results in a drastic increase of social activities, including putting curricula together, organizing participation groups, and playing an integral role in his or her child's education.

According to Stevens the extreme devotion homeschooling requires of the parents who choose to do it accounts for a possible reason the system has not become more common in recent years. Spending all day with a child may in turn require sacrificing the income and personal aspirations of one of the parents involved, a fact that, for the majority of middle class families who depend on two sources of income, makes homescho- oling an impossibility. Nonetheless, for those ready and willing to make the sacrifice, homeschooling offers a way for parents to spend some of the best years of their child's life with them. "Besides," Stevens adds, "school is not the rosiest place to live in from day to day." Contrary to popular belief, homeschooled teenagers do not have to spend all day at home, and many of these individuals hold part-time jobs or are involved in volunteer activities. In addition, intensive daily interactions with adults (parents and tutors) allow homeschooled students to exhibit an increased level of maturity and the ability to engage in relationships that transcend age barriers imposed by grade levels found in traditional school settings.

In 2001 there are approximately 1,000,000 homeschooled students in the United States, up from 350,000 in the late 1980s. What accounts for this increase? One possible explanation is that only recently has the idea of home schooling become an acceptable social norm. What was once taboo is becoming increasingly commonplace as more parents and students become aware of and accept home schooling as a viable alternative to traditional educational institutions. In addition, for individuals who were once skeptical of homeschooling, there is now a plethora of information proving that homeschooled students do as well as others on standardized testing, and many have gained admission to the nation's top universities. If this trend continues, the fairly high cost of home schooling could decrease, and more families who otherwise could not afford it will be able to participate.



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**Examining the homeschooling movement, Margaret Talbot of *Atlantic Monthly* said, "The rise of home schooling is one of the most significant trends of the last half century." Stevens explores the movement in his book.**

The book reveals that in this day and age homeschooling is no longer a fanciful notion limited either to overbearing, religiously zealous parents or the stereotypical 60s liberal family. On the contrary, homeschooling may be the wave of the future, offering students and families of all backgrounds and ideologies an intensive, intimate, and rewarding academic experience.

*The Atlantic Monthly* reviewed Stevens's book in their November issue. Margaret Talbot, in her review titled "*The New Coutnerculture*," commented, "He has written a careful, intelligent book that fills that gap, seeking to explain what homeschooling means to the people who do it." For her full review, go to: *http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2001/11/talbot.htm#*

# Vegetarians press for greater dining hall options

**by Patrick Danaher '04**
*FEATURES WRITER*

When vegetarian Kerri Spindler-Ranta '02, who is on the 7-meal plan, was asked about the vegetarian options in the dining halls, her answer was short: "They suck." The majority of vegetarians interviewed echoed her sentiment word for word. Vegetarians on campus find it very difficult to have a varied, meat-free diet in the dining halls, prompting many to seek other options.

Jenny Cleary '02 moved to Keehn after her freshman year to get a good vegetarian diet. "Usually when I eat in the dining halls, I'll have the same thing: a salad and some pizza or a bagel," she said.

Freshman vegetarian Kim Douglas said, "If none of the options in the dining halls look appealing, I just grab a bagel and a piece of fruit."

Both Commons and McEwen dining halls offer at least one vegetarian item per meal. They also make sure to serve vegetarian soup, pizza, and deli items. The stir-fry and pasta stations also have a wide variety of meatless options.

However, many vegetarians remain frustrated with current options. "They always try to make their vegetarian dishes too complicated," said Spindler-Ranta. "I'd much rather they just had simple, edible options -- just having garden burgers, baked potatoes, and steamed veggies available every day would be a huge improvement."

The stir-fry and pasta stations were also targets of complaints. "It can take twenty minutes to get stir-fry," said Spindler-Ranta. "I don't want to have to wait that long just to get some variety."

Cleary doesn't eat the stir-fry because of the lack of a vegetarian wok. "They cook all the stir-fry in the same woks, and they barely rinse them out between uses," she said. "It's not a vegetarian meal if it's cooked in meat juices."

Vegans, vegetarians who abstain from using or consuming any animal product (dairy, leather, etc...), are not accommodated for. "Most of our vegetarian options have some form of dairy in them," said vegan Kat Lexa '05. "Even the garden burgers have cheese."

While most of Hamilton's peer institutions have comparable vegetarian menus, many do more to accommodate them. At Colgate, for example, one dining hall always has a varied vegetarian menu with each meal. And at Colby there is an entire dining hall dedicated to vegetarian food.

Vegetarian Sarah Baldwin '04 sees some logic in the way Hamilton plans its menus. "It would be nice to have some more alternatives, but we're only a small minority. I don't expect them to have the menus revolve around us."

The dining halls are open to suggestions, however. Student requests for specific menu items are usually taken into account. "For example, we added the hummus to the salad bar because so many people requested it," said Commons manager Reuben Haag. "If you want us to serve something, all you need to do is ask one of [the managers] or fill out a request card, and we'll try to serve it once."

Haag also said that when needed, a nutritionist is available to consult the dining hall staff about meal planning.

"I have talked to Bon Appetit," said Lexa. "They bought me some vegan bread and are ordering soy chocolate milk and soy yogurt. They will also be trying to incorporate some recipe suggestions that I gave them into the regular menu." Most vegetarians interviewed felt

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# Five-star freshman: Dan "The Man" Walker

**by Amy Kopriva '02**
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*How would you characterize your extracurricular involvement in high school activities—more or less than the typical student? Did you have specific activities that you knew you wanted to get involved with at Hamilton, and if so, how have you pursued them?*

**Dan:** "I was involved in about 17 or 18 different activities in high school, but that's way too much to deal with in college. Some of my favorite activities were singing, running, Scouts (and all the camping that goes along with it), and playing in a band with three of my friends. I've joined the College Choir and Hamiltones to keep singing and the indoor track team to keep exercising and have participated in numerous outdoor activities including Adirondack Adventure and 46 Peaks Weekend."

*Can you please describe how you are coping with the transition into college life? What have been the greatest challenges, and what tips/techniques help you keep focused and productive? Do you feel like there is sufficient support networks for helping freshman adjust?*

**Dan:** "My greatest challenge has been learning to work expeditiously (which I have always been seemingly unable to do) and not to be overly hard on myself when I can't get stuff done in a timely manner. When I get frustrated, instead of trying to work further and becoming more incapacitated, I'll take a (really long) break and spend time with some friends, or just go to bed. Sleep is key--I think everyone should get eight hours every night. I do think there is ample social support at Hamilton, even within the freshman class. The people are great; I feel comfortable telling my friends what's wrong. Of course, you've got to be willing to trust them before you can talk to them."

*What activities are you involved with on campus? How much time per week do you spend on extracurricular activities, and how do you keep motivated? How are these activities an extension of your personality and your interests/life goals?*

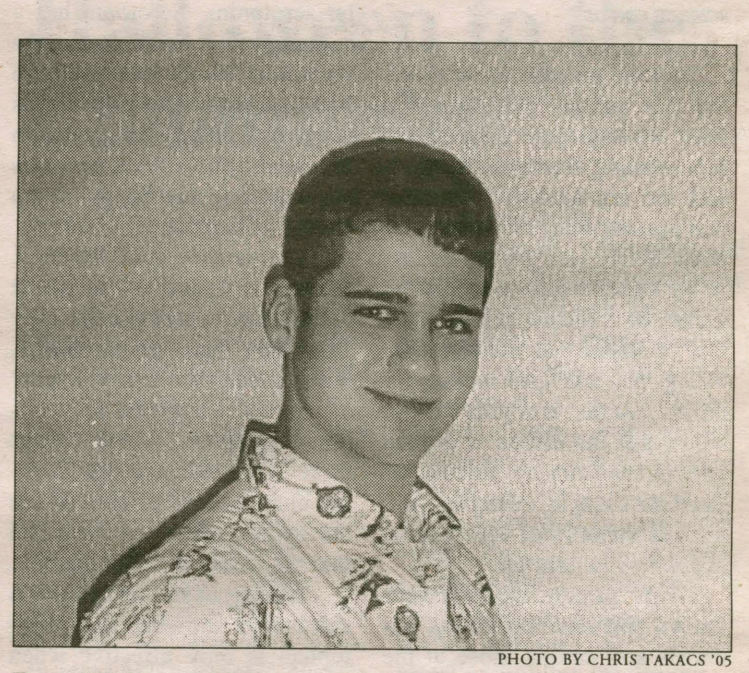
**Dan:** "I'm in the College Choir (4 hrs/wk), the Hamiltones (6 hrs/wk), and indoor track (right now about 9 hrs/wk, will increase considerably next semester). I only got involved in activities that I really enjoy, so it's easy to stay motivated. I want to remain active and fit for life; hopefully track and my occasional outdoor jaunts will keep me moving in the right direction. I also want to make music in some form for the rest of my life, whether it's singing in choirs or acappella groups or singing/playing bass in a band. Choir and the Hamiltones (and a band, if I can find two guitarists and a drummer) provide a creative and emotional outlet. And, hopefully, the audiences get something out of the performances, too."

*Do you feel stressed or comfortable with your current work load and social life? How do you maintain the balance? Did people warn you about not taking on too much too early? Do you feel this will be a problem in the future?*

**Dan:** "I was definitely warned about not doing too much too soon. That was part of the reason that I didn't immediately start sports (cross country) this past fall. Now I'm involved in several activities, but I'm surviving nicely. If my classes don't get a lot harder and I don't join too many more groups, I should be able to handle my schedule without too many problems. Even if I do take on more, I'll simultaneously improve at managing time, so I'll still survive. I've been told by my older sister that the elusive "balance" works out to "the least amount of work you can do to get the grades you want." That's what we should all strive to attain...like some sort of collegiate nirvana."

*What are some of your goals for your time at Hamilton? Are you satisified with the social life here? What do you see as the best and worst aspects of college life, and college life at Hamilton?*

**Dan:** "I want to find two or three fields that I truly love and learn everything I can about them. I want to find a whole bunch of friends whom I truly love and spend as much time as possible with them. I'm very satisfied with my social life. This may appear odd because I don't drink (or consume any other drugs) at all. But I have an excellent time with people who do, and simultaneously have a great group of friends who don't. If you actively seek out things to do and people to see, you will find them, unless everyone goes to New York for the weekend and leaves you at Hamilton, utterly alone. I think the constant, intense social interaction and "anarchy" of living solely among peers is the best part of college life. The worst part of college life is the destructive behaviour resulting from all the alcohol abuse. I have no problem with people drinking, but think it's horrendous that things like vandalism and rape occur. The Dunham hallways don't smell very nice on a Sunday morning, either."



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**Dan Walker '05 enjoys serenading Hamiltone-style, singing in the Hamilton choir, running track, and romantic walks along Martin's Way. He describes himself as, "uninhibited, truth-seeking, and available."**

*In three words, how would you describe your life and your personality?*

**Dan:** "uninhibited, truth-seeking, and available."

*Are there any significant differences between what you expected from Hamilton and what you have experienced?*

**Dan:** "I knew I would love it here, but I didn't know I would love it to the great degree that I do. One odd thing I've experienced is that I don't associate with any of the people in my hall. Except for my roommates and one or two others, none of my friends lives in my dorm. We don't ever get random visitors, even though our door and window (which functions as a second door) are always open. I kind of expected that we would, or that we would have a sense of community in our hallway. Also, I get along very well with all three of my roommates. This isn't contrary to what I expected, but it's contrary to what a lot of other people expected of my college experience. As a sidenote, I think everyone should bring oranges to the Citrus Bowl."

*How does it feel to be the youngest member of the Hamiltones? How would you describe the acappella culture on our campus? If you could have the group be magically able to perform any song, what would it be and why?*

**Dan:** "The group probably makes more jokes about me than all the other members combined. For some reason (actually, I guess it's for several very good reasons), they think I act like a robot. Rehearsals are definitely entertaining. The worst thing about acappella here is its stagnation. I think all of the groups could use more new material and less repetition. If I could have us perform any song, it would be "Superman's Dead" by *Our Lady Peace* because it would make a wonderful acappella arrangement, and because *OLP* is an absolutely incredible band, but not enough people know about them."

*How does it feel to have an older sibling on campus... especially as you start your college career? Did you worry about being here together? Any other comments about sibling "rivalry" on the Hill?*

**Dan:** "My sister is a senior, and she's been invaluable in helping me adjust. She's always been like a third parent to me and is without a doubt the most intelligent person I've ever known and the best safety net I could have ever asked for. In the beginning of the year, I was in her suite all the time, and she was always willing to talk and cheer me up. Now that I've gotten a pretty good handle on things, I feel like our relationship is better than it's ever been. I never worried about us both being at the same school. I knew she would help me if...no, *when* I needed help. It's exactly like having an older friend here, but one who just happens to be a blood relative. For me, there are basically no cons in having a sibling here. She's been a great help, even if she does berate me for the way I hold my fork."

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*from* ***Greater Veggie Options****, page 10*

frustrated with the request system, though. "My freshman year, when I was a vegan, I sent them a bunch of vegan recipes," said Cleary. "But I never saw any of them served."

Spindler-Ranta was also unsatisfied with the results of her requests. "I'd ask for something, and they'd put it out once, but then I'd never see it again. There's been no large-scale change."

Haag said that in his four years with Bon Appetit, there have been no major changes made in the vegetarian options in the dining halls.

Campus vegetarians agree on a few ideas for improving the vegetarian options. All of them agreed that they'd like to see Opus's vegetarian lunches added to the meal plan. "I have never gotten anything from there because I don't want to buy food when I've already paid for a meal plan at the dining halls," said Douglas. "The food there sounds so much better than what the dining halls serve for vegetarians."

"[I] would eat at Opus every day if we could use our meals there," said Lexa.

Many vegetarians also singled out the Diner as needing improvement. "The Diner is almost completely aimed toward meat-eaters," said Douglas.

Spindler-Ranta said, "All they really offer are the veggie burger and the veggie wrap, neither of which is appealing." Baldwin often finds herself unable to join friends for meals at the Diner because of the lack of options.

While just finding a variety of vegetarian foods can be tough, getting the necessary nutrients to complete a healthy diet is a more difficult problem faced by vegetarians everywhere. Removing meat from a diet creates several nutritional difficulties that must be overcome by the consumption of a few specific foods.

For example, vegetarians often have trouble getting enough zinc, a critical mineral found mainly in meat, in their diets. The consumption of vegetables inhibits zinc absorption, exacerbating the problem. Diets poor in zinc may lead to a weakened immune system and a worse sense of taste. The best way for vegetarians to get zinc is by eating tofu, miso, and legumes. Taking supplements is not recommended because it decreases the body's absorption of calcium and iron, leading to other problems.

Vegetarians also have trouble getting the right proteins in their diets. Vegetable proteins aren't complete -- they lack the right proportions of amino acids needed to build new proteins, so vegetarians must consume a variety of plant protein sources to get a complete protein intake.

If vegetarians on campus find their diets limited, they may end up suffering from deficiencies in protein and zinc. The dining halls have regular menu items that address both these health concerns, so a vegetarian making full use of the options would not have problems. However, finding the right foods often means searching for them in the salad bar, so a vegetarian unaware of these concerns might fail to have a complete diet.

# Thanksgiving is here; avoid the 'turkey coma'

**by Hannah Stahle '03**
*SCIENCE EDITOR*

As we prepare to sit down for our annual Thanksgiving feast, we anticipate the wonderful company, the fabulous food, and the unmistakable lethargy that accompanies every holiday meal. Every year, just as the last of the turkey is shoveled into the mouth of a distant relative, the last croissant roll mysteriously disappears, and your mother reminds you that it is your turn to help wash the dishes, a sudden and overwhelming feeling of sleepiness sets in, rendering you, and the majority of your guests, absolutely exhausted.

This "turkey coma" is a well-known phenomenon among scientists and among those at the dinner table, however, is it really the turkey that causes this incredible fatigue?

Turkey contains a natural sedative in the form of the amino acid tryptophan, which stimulates the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin, causing the sleepy feeling. Tryptophan is naturally found in many plants and in some animal proteins. It is an essential amino acid, meaning that our body needs it, but it is not naturally produced in our bodies. Thus, we must acquire our tryptophan through outside sources, most notably from our food. Thanksgiving dinner is a superb opportunity to get our fill of the protein.

Once tryptophan enters the body, a cascade of effects begins. First, tryptophan stimulates the body to produce several vitamins, such as B vitamin niacin. As tryptophan crosses the blood/brain barrier, with the help of several of these vitamins, it is converted into the neurotransmitter serotonin. Serotonin has a calming effect on the body. As serotonin levels increase, the body's tolerance to pain begins to increase, food cravings begin to subside, one's mood becomes very carefree and happy, and a sleepy feeling begins to set in.

This sleepy and lethargic feeling is exactly what most Americans experience as they finish their Thanksgiving dinners, but is it really the turkey's fault?

While turkey meat does contain tryptophan, which causes these sleep-inducing and calming chemicals to be released in our bodies, many scientists feel that the turkey is not to blame.

Numerous studies have been conducted showing that tryptophan is only effective when working on an empty stomach. After eating a large Thanksgiving dinner, there are so many other proteins present in the stomach and available for absorption that any effects caused by tryptophan would be overshadowed and could not possibly produce the lethargy that is so common after dinner.

Despite this finding researchers still recommend a slice of turkey as a midnight snack for those battling insomnia. In the middle of the night, the stomach will be empty, and the tryptophan will be able to stimulate serotonin release independent of any other protein in the body, resulting in a feeling of sleepiness.

Others feel that tryptophan cannot be effective in inducing sleep when it is ingested simply as one component of turkey; rather, the effects of tryptophan are stronger when it is taken as a supplement by itself.

In the 1980s scientists tested a hypothesis that concentrated amounts of tryptophan would stimulate increased levels of serotonin release, and thus prove an effective treatment for insomnia.

As a result, the FDA approved a tryptophan supplement to treat sleep disorders, depression, and premenstrual syndrome.

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**This Thanksgiving, don't blame the turkey for your lethargy when it comes to doing the dishes.**

In 1990, however, the FDA banned the tryptophan supplement when an outbreak of eosinophilia-myalgia, a syndrome resulting in severe muscle pain and even death, broke out among those being treated with the drug. This resulted in 5,000 hospitalizations and 27 deaths nationwide.

The source of the problem, however, was not due to any inherent problems with the use of tryptophan as a supplement. Instead, the illness was caused by a change that the manufacturing company made in the fermentation process. The firm utilized genetically engineered bacteria and reduced the amount of charcoal used to purify the supplement, resulting in a contaminated product. Despite this finding, the FDA never removed the ban on tryptophan supplements.

Since tryptophan is responsible for lethargy but its ingestion via turkey is likely not the cause of the post-Thanksgiving fatigue, perhaps it's the potatoes.

Research has shown that carbohydrate-rich foods, such as potatoes, rolls, stuffing, and even pumpkin pie cause the pancreas to secrete excess amounts of insulin, which indirectly causes amounts of tryptophan in the body to increase. Blood containing amino acids that compete with tryptophan begin to enter the muscle cells, which then causes the concentration of tryptophan to rise, stimulating serotonin secretion and, thus induces a sleepy feeling.

Another, perhaps more practical, hypothesis deals not with the type of food consumed, but with the amount of food consumed.

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time when waistlines and diets are overlooked; the holiday provides an excuse to indulge in all the fabulous foods of the season. In light of this, the lethargy may be due to the fact that we just eat too much.

The increase of food consumed stimulates an increase in gut activity. Vasodilators, such as gastrin, secretin, and cholecystokinin, are released in the gut to stimulate contraction and absorption of nutrients in digestion. The increased amount of gut activity simply increases the blood flow to the gut. As the blood moves from our brains to our stomachs, we get sleepy.

After eating, our metabolism speeds up 20 to 50 percent, and after consuming a meal as large as Thanksgiving dinner, our bodies are expending excess energy in order to speed up metabolism and digest our meal; we feel tired because more energy is spent on digestion, so there is less energy to sustain the rest of the body.

Regardless of what causes our fatigue, Thanksgiving dinner causes us to feel sleepy. Whether it is the tryptophan in the turkey, the tryptophan in the carbohydrates, or simply the fact that we are consuming a large meal, the results are all the same. We either cut back on our intake of some of the most delicious entrees of the year, or we endure the post-Thanksgiving lethargy...At least it's a good excuse for getting out of doing the dishes.

# Cooking tips from chemists:

## Make sure your turkey won't taste like it's from Commons

**by Kristin Patrick '03**
*SCIENCE EDITOR*

We all know Bon Appetit can't cook a turkey, but can your mom?

Even supposing your dad is responsible for the cooking, the real secret in perfecting Thanksgiving's traditional main course is not in one's superior culinary skills but one's understanding of a whole lot of physics and chemistry.

The underlying problem in cooking a turkey lies in the differences between the white meat of the breast and the dark meat of the legs. These meats vary in both structure and chemistry, meaning that for ideal taste and texture, they need to be cooked to different temperatures.

Experts in the science of cooking (we assure you, such experts exist) suggest that the breast meat should reach a temperature of approximately 155°F; cooking at temperatures higher than 160° will cause the meat to lose moisture and become dry.

Troublesome, however, is the dark meat of the thighs, which needs to reach higher temperatures of around 180° to prevent a chewy texture or metallic taste. At that temperature connective tissue turns to gelatin, producing the expected soft, slippery texture of dark turkey meat.

Differences between white and dark meat are a consequence of the function of the muscle tissue during the turkey's lifetime.

Breast meat is white and more delicate because breast tissue is not responsible for the locomotion of the turkey, and thus goes relatively unused.

Turkey legs, however, which are responsible for carrying the entire weight of the bird, are full of muscle and connective tissue-tissues that require higher cooking temperatures and longer cooking time for ideal texture.

Fortunately, science and the culinary arts have developed several ways of getting around this cooking conundrum.

First, experts emphasize the importance of fully thawing a frozen turkey; starting out with a partially frozen bird practically mandates uneven cooking before you get it in the oven. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) suggests thawing a turkey in the refrigerator. Plan for approximately 24 hours of thawing at 40°F for every 5 pounds of turkey. Never allow the turkey to thaw at temperatures of over 40°F, as harmful bacteria can begin to multiply.

Secondly, though unorthodox as far as Thanksgiving dinner preparation goes, food scientists advise against stuffing your turkey. By the time the stuffing has reached a safe temperature to eat, at least 165°F, the turkey meat will likely be overcooked.

To overcome the discrepancies between the cooking temperatures of white and dark meat, Harold McGee, food science writer, proposes covering the breasts with ice packs, while the rest of the bird is kept at room temperature for no more than three hours. After this time the breast meat will be approximately 40°F while the rest of the bird is around 60°F. Then one can cook the turkey as normal, checking the temperature often with a meat thermometer in different regions of the turkey.

Creating this temperature difference allows the leg meat to start cooking while the same heat energy is initially used to heat the breast meat from 40°F. This prevents overcooking of white meat while contributing to the overall suggested cooking temperature difference.

After the turkey has been cooked, it should be kept in the oven at a temperature of over 140°F. According to the USDA, harmful bacteria multiply fastest at temperatures between 40 and 140°F.

As for Thanksgiving dinner leftovers, the USDA provides several tips to prevent holiday food poisoning.

When reheating, one should slice breast meat off the bird (legs and wings may be left whole); reheating an entire turkey is not recommended. Turkey pieces and side dishes should be heated thoroughly to about 165°F.

# Web-based registration trial runs smoothly

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view past schedules, grades by course, and financial aid account summaries.

Moreover, Web Advisor provides a component for advisors as well, allowing a student's transcript to be visible during pre-registration advising conferences.

This week's test run allowed the Registrar's Office a final opportunity to amend the system before it goes into effect this spring.

"We have certain policies and procedures at Hamilton, and we needed to make sure the program was in compliance. We just needed to ensure that everything worked properly," said Friedel.

"Next semester's release of Web Advisor was tentative...It was being based upon the success of this test run. As of now, I don't see any problems with the release of the program early next semester," she added.

The four groups of twenty test students reported to the Registrar's Office from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on their class's designated registration day. Although the actual registration took place on the office's computers, the registration staff played a minimal role in the students' registration process.

"We gave the students an introduction and written instructions and told them to sit down and do it on their own," Friedel explained. "We were only there to answer questions and solve problems."

Upon completing registration, students were asked to take a survey, detailing the clarity, simplicity, and precision of the new program.

"Aside from one student who said that 'he kind of liked the line,'" said Friedel laughing, "we had a very positive response. Students were surprised at how quickly they registered, even though they were unfamiliar with the program," she continued. "It literally took no more than five minutes for all twenty members of each group to register."

This week's registration, however, did not proceed without glitches. Though Friedel described the problems as "nothing insurmountable," she mentioned two minor technical mishaps that slowed down the process. In one instance, the program failed to recognize a particular prerequisite. In another, it incorrectly cited students as ineligible for a class. Both problems were immediately corrected.

"The trial run really helped to give us an idea of some problems that students would come across," Friedel explained.

These slight glitches aside, some questions linger regarding the web traffic that may result from a potentially overloaded network next spring. Nonetheless, Friedel showed complete confidence in the system.

"The system is made to handle student access, pretty much whatever we throw at it. The real test will be next spring. It is all a matter of how students decide to register. Where as at some schools students seem to register all at once, at others the registration process is more laid-back. We really won't know until this spring."

In addition, the Registrar's Office has yet to determine how and when students will be allotted online registration times. Although it plans to designate certain times for students to register based on grade year, the Registrar's Office has not yet decided how to further subdivide the students.

However, the Office ensures that the addition of Web Advisor to the Hamilton technology arsenal will provide undeniable benefits for students.

"For one thing, nobody will be waiting online wasting valuable hours. There are so many better uses of student time," Registrar Friedel described. "In addition, students are very used to dealing with technology. It has become like second nature to them; it is very, very easy," she added.

When asked why Hamilton had not followed the example of such neighboring schools as Colgate and Geneseo, Friedel had the following to say: "In the past, we had been using a program called 'Colleague.' Last December we updated to a new version, and were able to acquire and run all of the programs associated with the newer model. Prior to that, we couldn't have handled it."

"It had just come to the point where we needed to start to look ahead at the new technology. We were asking ourselves how we could better service the students. Online registration and online application, for example, came to mind as just two of the things we could do."

The addition of the new digital program, though, is not entirely without drawbacks. "The one disadvantage is that students will have to do everything on their own, there will be nobody to hold their hands or really walk them through the processes," Friedel said.

Online registration, however, will not eliminate the need for the faculty advisor in the registration policy. Although the new program will eliminate the need for the yellow cards, the Registrar's Office assures that faculty advisors will maintain an active role in the pre-registration process.

"In honesty, we haven't really finalized the issue," Friedel stated. "Students will still need to meet with their advisors. More than likely, through some kind of flag, the advisors will allow their advisees to register. We will still have the stages of discussion and approval, it just won't be done on the yellow papers."

BY ANATASHA GRITTEN '03

**Students wait to register for courses in KJ.**

# TKE Brings Halloween to the Community

*Contributed by the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon*

This Halloween, the fraternity brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) brought the spirit and fun of Halloween to the area's children. For the past three years TKE has run trust treat stops in conjunction with KDO, as well as sponsored other activities, and this year was no different.

On Tuesday, October 30 the brothers of TKE brought the spirit of Halloween to the children of Hamilton College's day care center. The children engaged in several of the holiday's fun and exciting traditions. TKE brothers brought pumpkins for the children to paint their own Jack-o-lanterns. After exercising their creative painting skills, doughnuts were strung from the ceiling for the kids to try to catch without using their hands. After successfully nibbling their doughnut down, they were awarded a yummy glass of fresh apple cider.

Despite two cider spills and a powdered doughnut getting the best of one the aspiring doughnut catchers, everyone had fun.

The morning culminated with Alexander Compter's demonstration of the proper way to bob for apples, or at least his best attempt. Several of the kids, student helpers, and day care supervisors managed to show up Compter quite convincingly, as they managed to secure their apples without getting completely soaked in the process.

The next day, TKE created a haunted house trust treat stop in conjunction with the sisters of Kappa Delta Omega. The trick-or-treaters were treated to the scariest haunted house on the hill. Mist and moans filled the basement of North and creatures of all varieties wandered about and leapt out of their coffins. From the first witch to the last ghoul, the brothers of TKE and sisters of KDO gave the community something to scream about.

# Ill-behaved students, alumni plague Jitney

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people who tend to be disrespectful," he said, adding that Thursday nights students were often rowdier than Fridays.

Roberge and Livingston both said that alumni can cause extra headaches for drivers.

"Alumni come back and try to be college kids again, only they're ten times worse because they know that they won't get in trouble," said Roberge.

Livingston added, "I drove on alumni weekend, and it was a horrific weekend. A lot of the problems come from alumni. Alumni come here and think they have free reign of the place."

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# Arts & Entertainment

# WHCL Profile: Dave Lyons '03

### Kat McGrory'05 uncovers the force behind WHCL

He boasts an impressive resume. He serves as the Acting Chair of the Media Board, President of DKE ("that's DKE with a D and not with a T"), President of the Intersociety Council, a member of Honor Court, and "most importantly," a member of the Caravath Cooking Club. Where exactly Dave Lyons '03 finds the time to manage WHCL is anybody's guess.

"In theory, I manage external relations," said the General Manager of his duties, which occupy five to ten hours each week. "I oversee our involvement in binding contracts. I ensure we are following Federal Communication Commission guidelines and make sure we are licensed."

"But what do I actually do?" he asked with a smile. "Well, I make sure that shows are done and done well. I field problems, take care of purchasing, serve as the 'student engineer.' I help out the DJs when they forget their keys. I take 2 a.m. phone calls and try figure out why something won't work. I am pretty much always on call."

In his own words, "there really is no such thing as a typical day at WHCL."

Aside from his standard and occasional not-so-standard duties, as Station Manager Dave also has the responsibility of disciplining DJs missing in action.

"In theory, when people don't show up, they receive a warning and then they are fired," he explained. "I've fired two people, and I really don't like to do it. I don't want to be in business. I'm too moral for that, believe it or not," he laughed. However, the General Manager, whose radio career began in sports broadcasting his freshman year, prefers to take on a lenient policy with regards to the WHCL DJs.

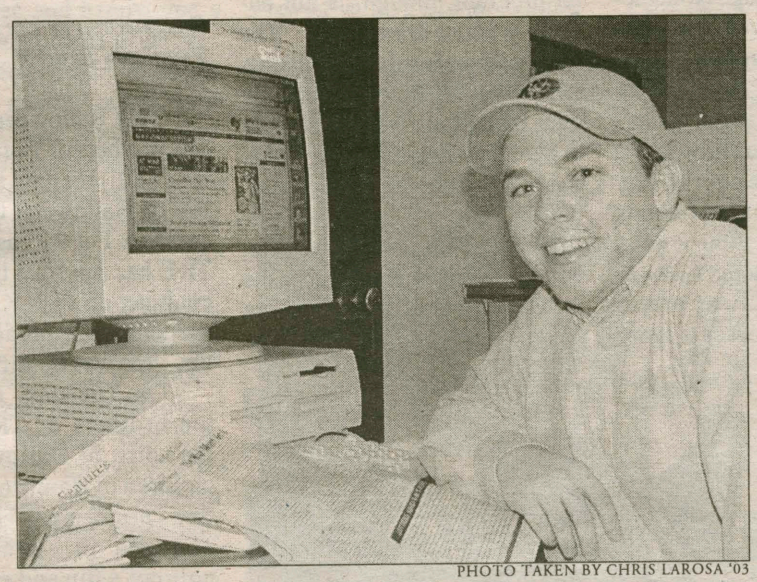


PHOTO TAKEN BY CHRIS LAROSA '03

**WHCL Station Manager Dave Lyons '03 at work**

"Being a DJ is intimidating when you first get down there. My own policy is: If you mess up, don't worry. Learn from your mistake and try not to let it happen again," Dave explained. The responsibilities of the General Manager do extend beyond hirings and firings, paper work, and problem solving. Dave had the opportunity to bring on of the most popular bands on the college circuit to the Hill: *Death Cab for Cutie.*

When asked to describe *Death Cab for Cutie*, whose "Movie Script Endings" is currently number one on the WHCL charts, Dave hesitated. "*Death Cab for Cutie*... They are independent. No, they are pop – no, not pop. I don't know. But they are real good guys. It's funny. They recently played Chicago, Boston, D.C., and Clinton. They came here because we are pretty well respected as a radio station."

Though he does not claim musical expertise, involvement with the Hamilton radio station has taught Dave about the two music scenes currently battling each other for airplay.

"I think my biggest problem is that I don't know enough about the music. However, I have come to embrace our policy, which is to be an independent radio station."

During his year- long tenure as General Manager, Dave's biggest challenge has been to try to integrate two distinct categories of music, mainstream and independent, in an attempt to please WHCL listeners.

"A great percentage of the population, if not the majority, listens to traditional mainstream radio," he described. "We are critiqued all of the time because we don't play that kind of music. We are, however, well respected by College Music Journal, and it really comes down to who should we be pleasing, CMJ or the students?"

The WHCL Board decided to let the incoming DJs dictate the answer.

"We had a bunch of freshmen who know the independent labels and really wanted to perpetuate what we had here," Dave explained. "True, we aren't pleasing 100 percent of the population, but at the same time, nobody applied for those kinds of positions."

Nevertheless, Dave described WHCL's mix as a "wild variety."

"We play everything from Justino, who has a talk show that kind of pushes the envelope of non-commercial radio shows, to Peter Brunette, who plays reggae. We have Koert Waiberg, whose show "Hard and Heavy" is just that, metal, and even Ava Bromberg, who has an amazing jazz show."

As for his own preferences in music, Dave Lyons's tastes are as varied and unique as the WHCL shows themselves.

"Being a part of WHCL has seriously made my tastes in much more experimental. I really like jam bands like *Phish,* and I love classical music. I also like show tunes, which really irritates my roommates. I was very cultured as a kid. Or at least that's how I justify it.

When asked if any one song on the WHCL racks particularly irritates him, Dave responded; "I'm a politician. I like all music." He paused for a moment and affirmed: "Just not hip hop. I hate hip hop."

On a final note, I thought to seek Dave Lyons's professional opinion as to what he would choose as the undisputed Hamilton anthem. Without taking any time to think, he declared, 'If I Was Not a Buffer.' It's an ever changing song. They happen to be very good to us. They never make fun of WHCL," Dave said, nonchalantly mentioning his roommate, Dave Steadman. "The Buffers do like to pick on DKE, though," he added with a smile.

# Rahzel visits The Annex

### Hannah Stahle '03 gives you the inside scoop on the Rahzel concert

Rahzel, the Godfather of Noyze, made a truly incredible appearance in the Annex last night. The 'human beat box' of the Philly-based hip-hip group the Roots packed the venue with over 300 students and kept the audience enthralled with an amazing performance of vocal percussion.

Rahzel has single-handedly brought back the art of beat boxing, using the mouth and the body to create musical rhythm. He grew up in Queens, New York and began beat boxing as a child because he could not afford an instrument. Those such as Bobby McFerrin and Al Jarreau recently revived vocal percussion, but none have had the impact Rahzel has had in translating music into def beats.

His debut album, The Fifth Element: Make the Music 2000, which featured artists such as Aaron Hall, Q-Tip, and Branford Marsalis, catapulted him into the spotlight, beat boxing songs up to six instruments deep. Of his incomparable talent, Rahzel says, "I think it really has no boundaries, I really think there's no limits to what I can do. It's not like this is just a hip-hop thing. It's not a hip-hop thing, it's universal thing."

The concert, sponsored by CAB, was overdue according to Paul Ryan '02, co-chair of CAB. "Rahzel is a very unique artist, and there was a demand for hip-hop on campus."

Chris Fogelstrom '03, CAB concert-coordinator, was very pleased with the show. "I thought the show was amazing; he's an intriguing artist." Fogelstrom also mentioned that, as Rahzel is due to release a new album very soon, "the concert was a great opportunity to hear some of his new music before it comes out."

Those at the concert were equally as thrilled with the performance. Upon hearing the sound check, Patrick Wickman '02 remarked, "I've never heard anything like this before." Charles Ullman '04 was just as amazed; "I did not think five sounds out of one mouth at one time was possible."

PHOTO BY HANNAH STAHLE '03

**Rahzel bringing some long-awaited hip-hop to the Annex. The artist beat-boxed to a full-house this past**

Rahzel performed an hour set, lending his incredible beat boxing talents to several popular songs and leaving the audience in a state of awe at his amazing vocal percussion. "It was awesome," said Audrea Critelli '04, as she left the concert.

Fans can look for Rahzel's new cd to hit stores in late spring or early summer. His new album, Superman, contains tracks with Ben Harper, Everlast, the Alcoholics, Bootsy Collis, and, of course, the Roots.

The concert was a hit, and Rahzel's talent was appreciated. "With my vocal percussions, I want to bridge the gap among various musical genres" he says. "I want the beat box to be respected as a true art form." Judging by the reactions of those at the concert, Rahzel is doing just that.

Look for the crowd's reaction and more insight on the Rahzel show from A&E's concert-goer, Benjamin Turner '05 in next week's issue

# Alternative Weekend 3: Emerson Gallery starts fresh

by Whit Rothe '05
*A&E WRITER*

Judging from the slight snow cover that greeted Hamilton students last Monday morning, it is pretty clear that winter is coming. Some people are looking forward to the quiet snowfalls, frantic sledding, hot chocolate, and warm bed sheets on a cold winter night. Others miss the swimming pools, hot sand, cool summer breeze and can't wait until the springtime. However, you don't have to be a winter person to enjoy the Emerson Gallery's new exhibits on display until December 21.

As you enter the gallery, turn to the left to find "Selections from the Samuel Hopkins Adams Collection of Prints by Currier and Ives." You will see thirty-five fabulous original color lithographs from the Currier and Ives shop in New York. This is just a brief selection from the over seven thousand lithographs that the shop produced during the 19th century. The works mostly depict very pastoral settings involving massive snow banks, houses covered with snow, and sleigh rides. Among these is the especially famous *Central Park in Winter (c. 1873)*, which shows people skating on a frozen lake in the park. There are also some prints that provide a stunning contrast between technology and nature by depicting black, coal-covered locomotives with pure white snow. For the non-winter enthusiasts, there are some sailing prints that depict all sorts of different boats. The scenes depicted on the water are stunning to say the least.

PHOTO BY WHIT ROTHE '05

**This picture is part of the collection at the Emerson Gallery**

If you choose to go straight instead, you will find "The Mother of God: Iconographic Representations of Mary." On display are a series of prints depicting the life of the Virgin Mary. Featuring such artists as Jacques Callot, these prints are full of detailed sketches of different religious figures. It is interesting to see different artists' interpretations of the life of Mary. At the center of it all is perhaps the gallery's most stunning work in the whole exhibit. It is a real altarpiece from a church in Schwarz, Germany. The piece, dated from 1500 - 1510, is a three-dimensional woodcarving of the nativity scene. It is amazing to think that this is just a piece of a much greater work of art. There are a few pieces missing (the original frame, the angels' wings), but the work is overall in excellent condition. It is an incredible opportunity to see something so unique.

If you choose to turn right, you will find "Christmas with Thomas Nast." Despite the magnificent altarpiece in the Virgin Mary section, this is the jewel of the entire exhibit. Thomas Nast was a political cartoonist for Harper's Magazine during the 19th century. He is credited with creating the current political symbols for the Republican (elephant) and the Democratic (donkey) parties. These particular works are actual pages of Harpers magazine printed over a century ago. They are all related to Christmas, but touch on many different themes. One especially powerful drawing depicts Christmas for a Civil War soldier and his wife waiting for him to come home. Two different scenes show an upper class Christmas party and a lower class celebration. It is interesting to see that despite the difference in lavishness, the expressions of joy are exactly the same. However, the most interesting section is the one with Santa Claus cartoons. Apparently, Nast invented much of what we hold true about Santa and many of our Christmas traditions. He invented the snowy white beard, the fuzzy suit, the jolliness, the sliding down of chimneys, and the children writing to the North Pole. One particular drawing caught the attention of Gallery Assistant Colleen Amarose. It depicts two children sleeping, and almost every Christmas icon that we sing carols about are dancing around them in their dreams. Colleen says, "I love that picture. It has characters from all of our childhood stories." It is amazing to see how one man and his artistic ideas could influence an entire culture's interpretation of a religious holiday.

The Bottom Line: Well worth ten minutes to an hour of your time to see these amazing works. Whether you love winter or not, you will be intrigued by this exhibit.

# ARTSY FARTSY

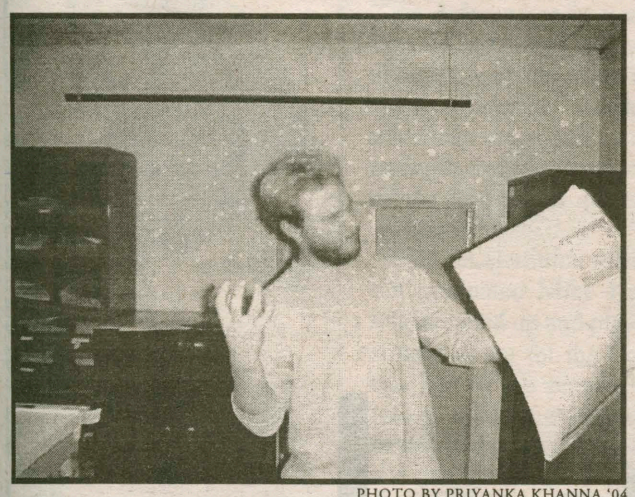


PHOTO BY PRIYANKA KHANNA '04

**A 22-year-old senior from Oldwick, NJ, he is a studio art and theater double major. He lives in Keehn and loves the movie *Clue*, and hates getting sick. Alison Harding '05 delves into the creativity of Curt Conifer '02. This week's Artsy Fartsy!**

**Age/birth-date?** 7.15.79 ... 22. (*Wonders why this part is necessary.*)

**where are you from?** New Jersey. (Is there a city there?) Oldwick. (*Clearly used to the blank expression that follows.*)

**describe yourself in two words?** Oh, no! Hey, that's two words! No, Ok. Can we come back to that? ... (*Feet shuffle.*) ... I'm a daydreamer. (*Looks around.*) Friendly. Friendly and nervous. (*Laughs to seal the characterization.*)

**major/minor/year?** Studio Art and Theater – I'm a double major. I don't have a minor. Senior.

**you can do that?** My advisor didn't say it was a bad idea, so... (*Goofy, sincere smile to effectively end sentence.*)

**why Theater?** This is a tough one. Um, since I was a child I had a strong desire to pretend. I like to live in imaginative circumstances. It's a challenge to live as realistically as you can, to make the unreal real. I also really enjoy the live time, the performance–in another medium.

**hobbies?** I do impressions. I'm never myself. I'm always someone else.

**likes?** Renting a movie and having it turn out to be a good one – 90% of the time it's a disappointment.

**dislikes?** Getting sick, it getting dark early, traffic, being late... most of all is losing something and not being able to find it.

**favorite comedy/drama/musical?** *Clue*, *A Clockwork Orange.* Ay, I have to pick a musical? I like a few. *Caberet.*

**favorite actress?** Ruth Gordon and Madeleine Kahn. Gordon because she is so spontaneous and original and Kahn because of her subtleties. They're both great comic actresses.

**favorite actor?** (*Skips this one.*) Oh, um... who's that English guy? Oh, Ok, Michael Gambon. He always plays a really good villain.

**favorite musician?** Penderecki. He's a polish composer. I like Bjork and Ligeti, too.

**artistic influences?** Stanley Kubrick, Mark Rothko (*Takes the pen to figure out spelling.*), Peter Greenaway, and Eugene Ianesco.

**Keehn food or McEwen?** Keehn!

**so you cook it there, right?** I do the dishes.

**one thing that you have to do before graduating is?** Start a food fight in McEwen with Debra Pokinski!

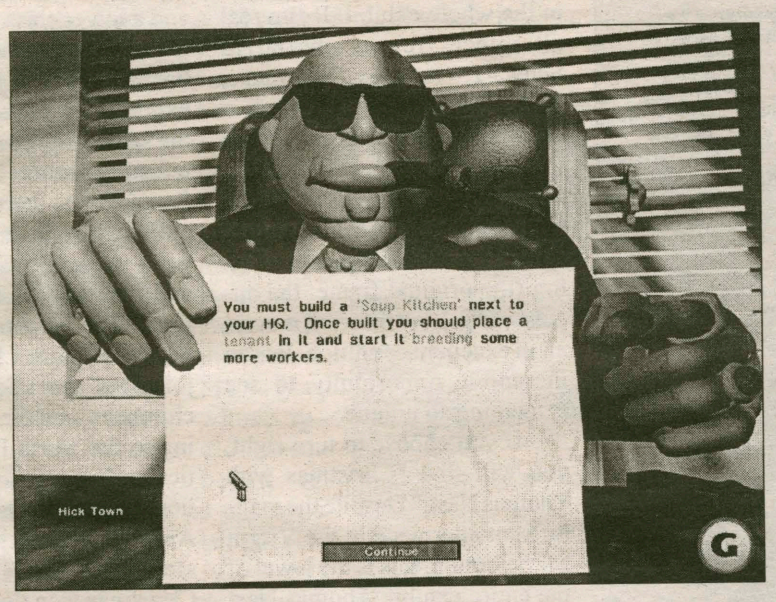
**what do you want to be when you grow up?** A performance artist and a painter.

**famous last words?** (*Ponders carefully.*) "Oh, who cares?! That guy doesn't matter. Let him stay, locked up for another half an hour. The police will be here by then and there are two dead bodies in the study!!!"

Gaming Corner:

# The Godfather of Games?

**Mithat Yaltir '03 learns to be a Mafioso in *Mob Rule***


You must build a 'Soup Kitchen' next to your HQ. Once built you should place a tenant in it and start it breeding some more workers.
Hick Town
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*Simon & Schuster Interactive* created *Mob Rule*, a real-time strategy game in which the gamers join the ranks of a mob family The main goal of the game is to fulfill the needs of the Godfather and move up in the family. The game is divided into different stages, and at the beginning of each stage the Godfather sends a note explaining his expectations.

Similar to traditional strategy games, *Mob Rule* uses a bird's eye view. Gamers can employ characters with different skills to achieve their goals. Workers, for example, can build structures and work in factories. Gangsters can use weapons such as knife, shotgun or Tommy gun, while fixers can repair gamers' structures. Fixers are also experts in handling explosives in case an enemy building needs to be demolished. It is possible to bribe police officers and have them patrol the gang's territory. *Mob Rule* however, mainly challenges gamers' abilities to manage resources. Along with giving detailed instructions on the mission, the Godfather allocates a certain amount of money to the gamer. It is vital for the gamer to build structures like the soup kitchen and the drinking den first in order to generate income. Then, the gamer can move on to building other structures. It is wise for a gamer to build a hospital in order to heal the wounded before getting into gunfights with rival gangs. Also, in order to avoid attention from law enforcement, a cemetery would be the ideal place to get rid of evidence. Although *Mob Rule* sounds original and unique, after playing it for a couple of hours, gamers will realize that it is not that unique. It is just like ordinary real-time strategy games. Instead of building high-tech structures and training troops with advanced weapons, gamers employ gangsters with mob weapons. Gamers have fixers instead of engineers. Detailed instruction at the beginning of each stage shortens the learning curve. However, this also gives no incentives to the gamers to replay the game. The only way to finish the game is to do exactly as Godfather says. It would have been fun if the Godfather left some room for altering the means of achieving objectives.

Wrap Up: Play *Gangsters: Organized Crime* by *Eidos* instead.

# Gaming Box

**Top Ten Games of the Week**

1) Civilization III / Infogrames
2) Civilization III Collectors Edition / Infogrames
3) Zoo Tycoon / Microsoft
4) The Sims / Electronic Arts
5) Dark Age of Camelot / Vivendi Universal
6) Stronghold / GodGames
7) Command & Conquer Yuri's Revenge / Electronic Arts
8) Flight Simulator 2002 / Microsoft
9) Aliens Versus Predator 2 / Vivendi Universal
10) Asheron's Call Dark Majesty / Microsoft

Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon ships Ubi Soft's highly anticipated, tactical action game is now on its way to store shelves. To download the demo, please log on to http://www.gamespot.com

**Project IGI 2 site launches, beta sign-ups open**

Codemasters launched the new website and accepting applications for beta-testing. Log on to http://www.codemasters.com/igi2 get information about the application process.

**Arts Institute to offer game design bachelor's program**

The Art Institutes International at San Francisco is now offering a new bachelor's degree program in Game Arts & Design. Students will learn character animation techniques, complex modeling, computer mapping, game level design, and scriptwriting. Log on to: http://www.aisf.artinstitutes.edu for details.

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# Concerts on the Hill this November

Clinton, NY - The Hamilton College Department of Music will present several music concerts in November at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The first event in the November concert series is an evening of chamber music on Friday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. Following the chamber concert is the annual Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society concert on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. The Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble rounds out the month on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 9 p.m.

The chamber ensembles concert will feature students performing in woodwind and string duos, trios, and quartets as well as the Hamilton College Brass Ensemble, conducted by Heather Buchman. Short works by Gabriel Faure, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Joseph Haydn, Georges Bizet, and Johannes Sebastian Bach, among others will be featured on the program. This concert is free and open to the public.

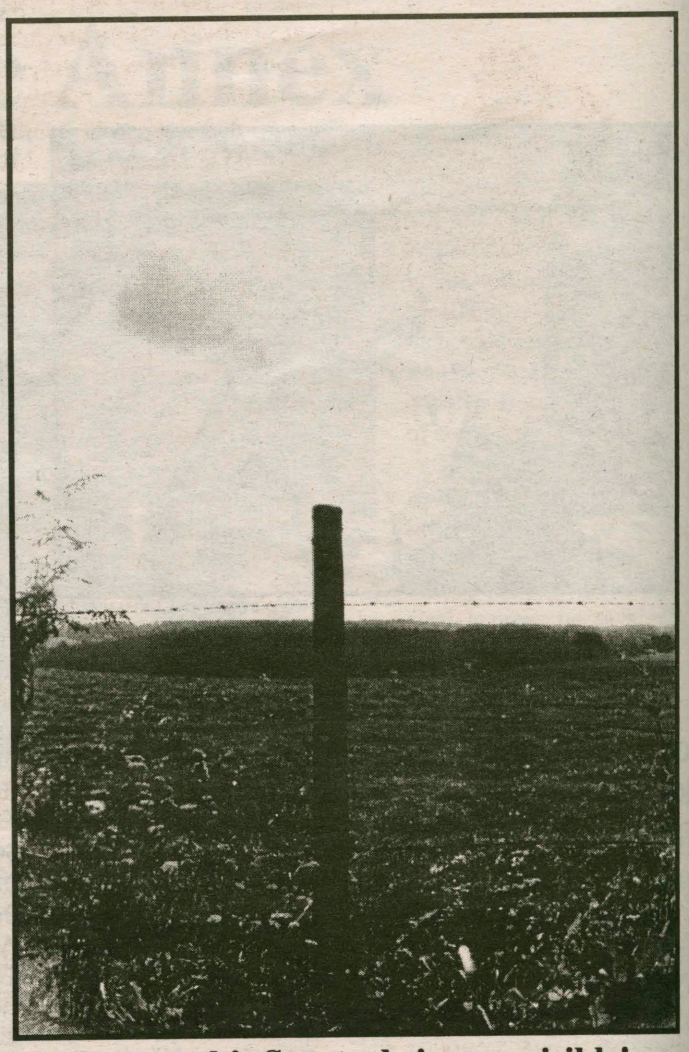
A Hamilton College tradition continues on Nov. 27 when the Oratorio Society presents its fall concert under the direction of guest conductor Anthony R. Reeves. Now in its 26th year, the Oratorio Society has dedicated itself to bringing together Hamilton students, faculty, staff and their families with members of the surrounding community from a 75-mile radius, to sing great choral masterworks, accompanied by some of the finest orchestral musicians and vocal soloists in the area. Tickets for this concert are $6 general admission, and $4 for seniors, students, and the Hamilton College community.

The Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble closes out the month with a free concert on Nov. 28. Directed by "Doctuh" Mike Woods, the lively Jazz Ensemble performs a variety of tunes including time-honored standards, as well as the works of new and emerging jazz composers. "Doctuh" Mike Woods grew up listening to Black gospel and rhythm and blues. He studied music formally at Akron University where he finished with a B.M. degree in composition. He went on to obtain two masters degrees from Indiana University and a D.M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma. The influences of jazz and blues are often found in his chamber works. Dr. Woods begins his seventh year as the director of the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble. He has scored over 400 works for all styles. This event is free and open to the public.

All of the November concerts will be held at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. Unless otherwise noted, the events are free and open to the public. All seating is general admission. For more information or tickets, call the Performing Arts box office at 859-4331.

# The Spectacle

**This photo was taken by Dave Ewing '04**



**Last week's Spectacle is now visible!**

# Women's Cross Country heads to NCAA Championships in Illinois

**by Michael Everhart '02**
*SPORTS WRITER*

In its strongest performance of the 2001 season, the women's cross-country team finished second last weekend in the NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City.

The Continentals finished with 87 points, ten points behind champion Ithaca and eleven points ahead of the College of New Jersey.

SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Cortland finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

By finishing in the top five they extended their season by one weekend and earned an invitation to the Division III NCAA Championships at Augustana College (Rock Island, IL).

"We had an incredible weekend as a team," said co-captain Maggie Hanson '02. "The weather was great, the meet was well run, and everyone had terrific performances. Van Cortlandt Park is a challenging course because of its hills, but it's also in a great location and very historic."

As they have all season Hanson and Jen Cammarano '03 led the team with dominating performances.

Hanson finished first overall with a time of 18:11.26, while Cammarano finished third with a time of 18:32.7, just 2.19 seconds behind Geneseo's Melissa White.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "I'm extremely happy with how everyone ran. Van Cortlandt Park is a well known course and the weather was great."

Annie Toth '02 and Julianna Allport '05 were the fastest third and fourth runners in the meet by finishing 18th and 21st overall with times of 19:33.47 and 19:45.07, respectively; Allport was also the meet's top freshman.

By finishing in the top 35, Hanson, Cammarano, Toth and Allport were named to the 2001 NCAA Atlantic All-Region team.

Toth said, "We all did what we needed to do on Saturday, and it was probably our best team performance of the year."

Rounding out the top five was Emily Cooper '05, who finished 44th with a time of 20:23.53, while Margo Rockwell '05 finished 1.94 seconds later in 45th place.

Rounding out the team, and ahead of over 130 other runners, was Maura Boyle '04 in 63rd place with a time of 20:59.34.

Tomorrow the team, now ranked 14th nationally, competes against 24 of the best Division III teams in the nation.

The Continentals finished seventh in 1999 and 15th in 2000.

"The times should be pretty fast and the teams that finish eighth - 15th should be very close together," said Hull.

The team has seen seven of the teams that will be competing tomorrow and has beaten three of them.

Hanson said, "We're pretty excited about NCAA's and are shooting for a finish in the top ten. Augustana's course is on a golf course and is fairly flat, which should help us out. We also might have a large cheering section because our assistant coach knows a lot of people in Illinois."

Toth added, "I think coach [Hull] trained and raced us just right this season, and we're all peaking right now. If we can all pull it together again next weekend, which I know we're capable of, we're going to tear up the course in Illinois."

Thus the team will depart for the midwest with a great deal of confidence in their ability to compete with the elite programs in the country. Led by Hanson and Toth, the team should do well.

# *Men's Hockey gets ready for opener*

**by Charles Spiliotis '03**
*ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR*

As the men's hockey team prepares for another Citrus Bowl and another season, there's nothing but high hopes for the boys in blue.

"We've got a tremendous nucleus returning that made it to the semi-finals of the NESCAC tournament last year. It's a young squad but a veteran squad at the same time, and I feel as though if these guys play well every night, with consistency and intensity, then it'll be a very exciting season," said Phil Grady, now in his 17th season as head coach of the Continentals.

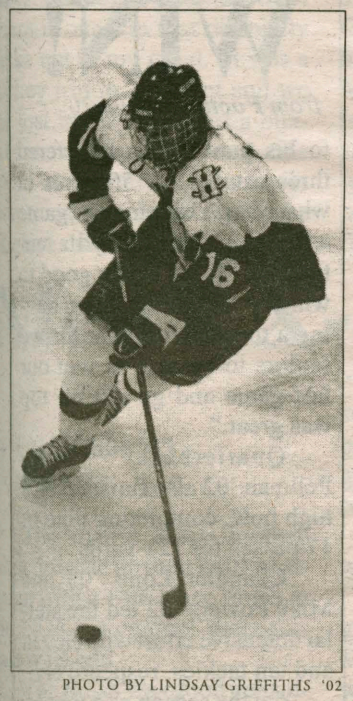


PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

**Forward Chad McCraith (16) will**

Up front, Hamilton will be returning ten forwards from last year's team including some major contributors. The first line on Friday night should consist of Rob Gordon '03, a solid two-way player who was third on the team in scoring last season with eight goals and 14 assists, Jeff Corey '02, a strong, quick, competitor who had eleven goals and six assists, and a healthy Tim Canfield '02, who missed most of last season with injuries. Nick Potvin '02 and Chad McCraith '02 bring leadership and experience to go along with a combined 20 points from last season. Kevin Audit '03, coming off a 16 point campaign in 2000-2001, should only get better from there. Tom Ditzer '04, Matt Harrison '03, and Gil Schipani '03, all return and should contribute as well as rookies Elliott Altberg '05 and Craig Kennedy '05.

On the other side of the puck, the Conts will be very strong once again. Captain Craig Leger '02 and Steve Aubuchon '03 should both be on the ice when the puck drops Friday night, after seasons of 13 and 21 points, respectively. Both are mentally and physically tough and are very qualified to lead the defense. Two defensemen in Scott Gordon '04 and Andy Laskowski, '04 should see plenty of ice time for the Continentals. Gordon is an excellent skater with plenty of strength, and Laskowski was one of the leaders on defense as a freshman.

In net, Hamilton will be without graduated Mike Kaufman, who stepped up and played very solidly in net for the Continentals late in the season. It will look to Matt Jones '04 to start on Friday night, after a rookie season that included a 7-5-0 record and a .869 save percentage. Also, Rob McNeil '05 has turned some heads in the preseason and will look to make an impact as a freshman.

"We come out every year and try to be the best conditioned, strongest, and most disciplined team in the league. I think we've worked very hard in the off-season and are ready to get started."

The Continentals will face UMass-Boston on Friday night, a solid program that will try to come in and take an upset win on Hamilton's home ice. The two teams have conflicting styles, as UMass will be looking to trap the Continentals, and slow down the pace of play as much as possible. Hamilton, on the other hand, will once again be as aggressive as possible, putting pressure on its competition and trying to force mistakes.

On Saturday, Babson will be coming to town looking to repeat their 3-1 victory against the Conts last season.

"Our biggest key is just consistency," said Grady, "Our league is so balanced, that it's not who you play, but how you play. All the teams are very, very strong, and all our games are worth two points, so making the playoffs is competition enough. Inconsistency hurts us, and I think if we just come to play, we'll have success this year."

# Swimmers ready

*from **Swimming**, page 18*

young. More than half of each team is freshman. We have a lot of new blood here."

Despite the youth movement, both teams enjoy a talented group of upperclassmen.

Katerina Donovan '02, Brooke Hegarty '02, and Cady Kashner '03 return following all-American recognition.

Five of the six juniors and seniors on the men's side have national championship experience.

David Cecere '02, Andy Schultz '02, and Eric Schwenker '02 earned all-American honors last season.

A talented nucleus appears to be in place for both teams. The key to success will likely be finding the correct line-up.

Coach Thompson pointed out, "You need variety. Being strong in the backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and medleys is important. We have all of that. Figuring out what line-up *will work best for us is key.*"

The Continentals face their first challenge this Saturday at 11 A.M. when Ithaca and Hartwick visit Bristol Pool.

Both teams are perennially strong and should pose a tough first meet.

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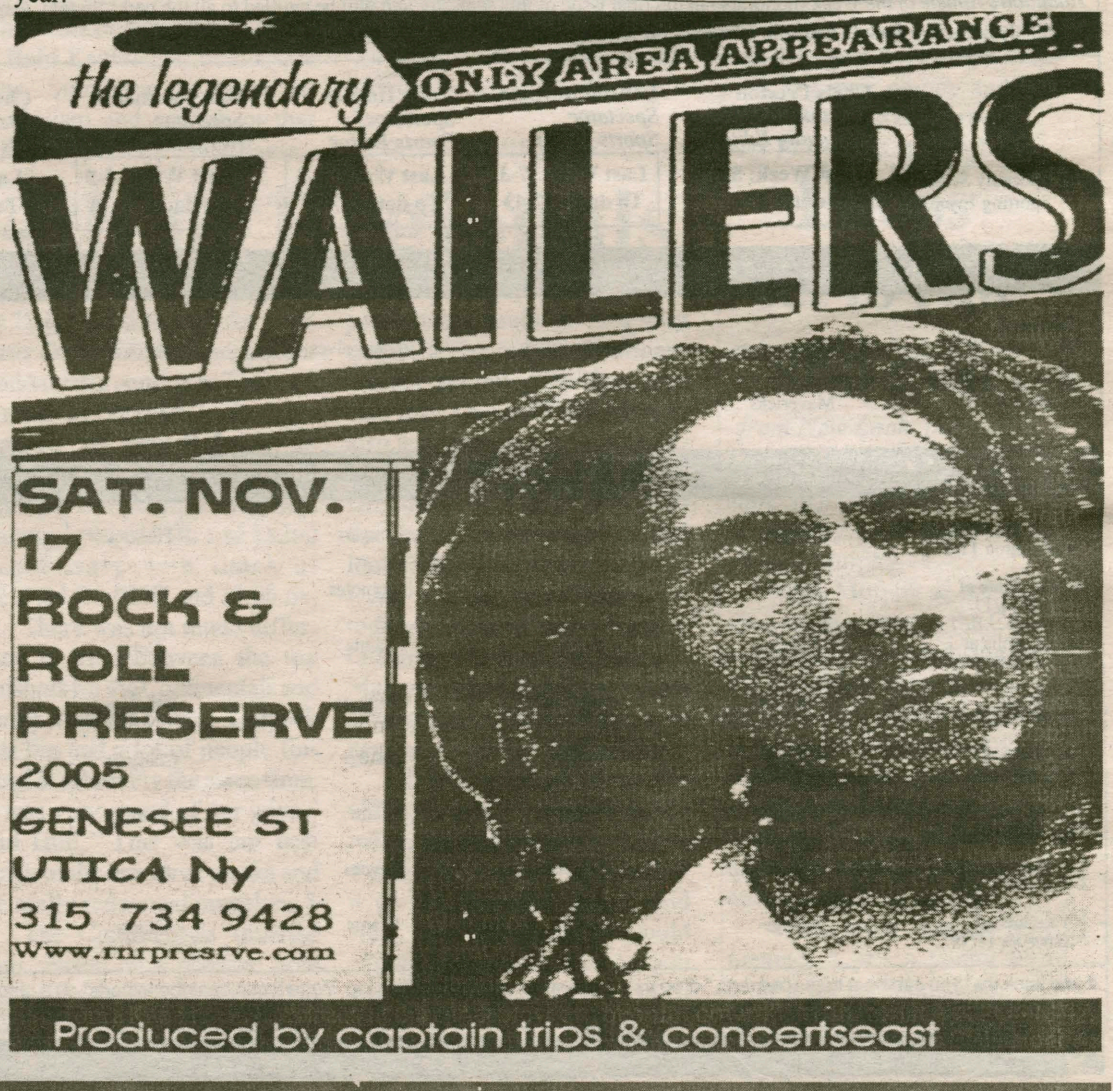

# Volleyball finishes season of improvement

**by Zach Kubin '05**
*SPORTS WRITER*

For the volleyball team, this year's 10-18 record is a vast improvement from last year's 4-17 debacle and the team should only get better from here.

"This season puts us in a good position to succeed next year. We started the year knowing we had a very young team and we gained some valuable experience throughout the seasons," stated Coach Susan Keller about her staff this year.

The team was lead by captains Barb Dalgish '03, Leah Byrne '03 and Katelyn Clark '02. Dalgish set who set the school record for digs per game this season by averaging more than 4 per game.

About Byrne, Keller commented, "Should dominate next year and came to practice every day with a contagious work ethic."

She led the team in kills this year with 272.

Finally, senior Kate Clark solidified her place as one of the elite players in the NESCAC and had the type of season that most players strive for.

After being sidelined with a broken finger last year, Clark came back better than ever with a team leading 272 kills as well as 222 digs, an unheard of stat for a middle hitter.

Melissa Stoos '04 was always a serious contributor to the team's efforts this season and should return next season to occupy the role of setter for the team.

Benefiting from playing with experienced players such as Clark, Dalgish and Byrne are Adrienne Issac '05, Jen Henkle '05 and Emily Querna '05.

All made important contributions to the team and should provide the team with an experience for next year.

Querna was the cream of the first year crop while notching 163 kills and 366 assists during the season.

As for Henkle and Issac, Coach Keller remarked, "They were invaluable to the team this year, both of them have a very bright future."

Building on the strong nucleus of players already set for next year the team is also expecting another strong recruiting class.

Next year's goal is to finish the season above .500 and if this year is any indicator, it shouldn't be a problem for the team to improve to that point, or beyond.

# *Women's Hockey set to go*

**by Zach Kubin '05**
*SPORTS WRITER*

The Hamilton College Women's Ice Hockey team has Paula Dady '03, one of the premiere scorers in the ECAC last season.

They've got a solid goaltender stopping the pucks between the pipes in Jen Kroleski '03 and they have a talented group of freshmen anxious to make a statement.

But do they have enough players to stay competitive this year? Judging from some of the players' comments, the answer is an overwhelming yes.

"We're a little low on numbers this season so we need everyone to step it up and make a contribution," says forward, Heather Hoffay '03.

This is a team that has only 17 players on the roster, and two of them, Allison Cherry '03 and Brianna O'Hare '03, are studying abroad until the end of December.

Minus the two goaltenders, the team currently has 15 players who are on the roster.

At the moment the lack of players might not seem like such a big deal, but in a physical sport such as ice hockey it is most likely the team will suffer an injury at some point during the season.

"We need everyone to stay healthy for all three periods. If this happens you should have a chance to win almost every game," said Koroleski.

There is no question that this team has the talent to open some eyes in the NESCAC this season.

Dady was 10th in the league in scoring last year with 32 points and should only increase those totals this year as a junior.

Eden Self '03 was second on the team with 23 points last year and should provide a spark to the offense this year.

Providing the leadership this year is defenseman Margaret Sayer '02, a player who forward Heather Hoffay said "anchors the defense and sets an excellent example for the rest of the team."

Jess Morin '05, Coleen MacNally '05 and Marissa Halligan '05 head the freshman class this year and should add some much needed speed to the squad.

Morin and Halligan, both forwards, are both very good players and bring a very good sense of the game to the ice, while MacNally is regarded by her teammates as a talented player.

With so few players on this year the team will need the rookies to have an daily impact in games and practice.

But this is a tight knit group who is stronger, tougher and better than last year.

As long as they can stay healthy they should open some eyes and attain their goal of making the playoffs.

## Swimming mixes veterans and rookies for winning recipe

**by Josh Sargen '05**
*SPORTS EDITOR*

A mixture of promising youth and veteran experience describe the men and women's swimming teams.

Both squads are coming off successful campaigns. The men finished in the top ten nationally and both teams won their respective New York state championships.

However, both teams were hurt by graduation. Anthony Lefler, an eight-time all-American, who anchored many relays over his years, is gone. Jen Kuntz, a standout in the 50, was a major loss for the women.

Nevertheless, coach Dave Thompson recruited tremendous classes for both teams, in an effort to fill the vacated spots due to graduation. Fourteen first years fill the roster on the women's side. Brittany Achin '05, Cecelia Tripp '05, Nicole Napp '05, and Katherine Hankowski '05 lead this promising class. Coach Thompson believes the depth provided by these first years will allow the woman to do even better this year.

The men have eleven new swimmers debuting this season. According to Coach Thompson, Andrew Saunders '05, Aran Lawrence '05, Tae Chung '05, Ryan Connor '05, and Colin Laughery '05 will be potential contributors for the team this year. Coach Thompson added, "Both of these teams are

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# Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly attractive **Sports Editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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# WE WIN!

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to his punt return registered three catches for 55 yards in what was perhaps his best game as a senior, echoed Boyd's sentiments, "It felt really good to win our last game. After having a tough four years for we seniors to be able to win our last game and go out on top was great."

Quarterback Mike Pellman '02 also finished on a high note, completing nine of 17 passes for 121 yards.

Chandler Long '03 and Mike Powers '02 led the stellar defensive effort with eleven and ten tackles, respectively.

On the season as a whole, Alvanos said, "It was like a roller coaster ride-lots of ups, downs, and sometimes we got stuck at the very bottom of the coaster. But we stuck together, the kids never quit; we faced adversity and prevailed."

Say what you want about them, but the 2001 Hamilton College football team should be an example to us all about how perseverance can pay off in the end.

# Spec Sports Spotlight

## Spotlight on: The Athletic Trainers

**Interviewed by: Paul P. Jones '03**

Choosing the athlete of the week for this edition of the Spectator was no easy task. Fall sports are pretty much over and winter sports haven't really started. Therefore, I chose to bestow this week's honors for Spectator Athlete of the Week amongst three very special professionals. Head Athletic Trainer Sharon Allanson, Assistant Athletic Trainer Scott Siddon, and Trainer Pat Giruzzi are the Spectator Athlete(s) of the week. They keep the athletes healthy and happy and always have a joke to tell or smile to share.

**Sharon Allanson**

**Background:** Sharon is in her 19th year at Hamilton and is from Rochester, NY. She completed her undergraduate studies at Lockhalm University and received her masters from East Carolina University.

**What got you into the field of athletic training:** I was a jock back in the day and you have to be an idiot to get into coaching, so I figured there was no better way to stay involved in sports.

**Game Rituals or Superstitions:** My game rituals are to make sure that I remember all of the game rituals and superstitions of all the different coaches. I have to remember where I sit on the bus with this coach or which shirt I was wearing when we won last in this sport, etc.

**Favorite thing about being a Hamilton Athletic Trainer:** My favorite thing about being a trainer at Hamilton is slicing open and draining the puss out of blisters. It is fun to do.

**Most memorable team trip:** There is one trip that definitely sticks out in my mind. It was a hockey trip to Vermont and we got lost in the middle of a blizzard on the way to our hotel. We asked this random townie for directions to our hotel and he laughed and pointed us up a back mountain road. The bus driver listened to the crazy townie and about a half hour later we were sliding backwards down the mountain with the bus tipped over resting against the guardrail. The captain of the team got up out of his seat and said to coach Grady, "Coach, I'm not going down with the ship, I am getting off the bus." The team eventually got to the hotel at 5am and then lost 13-1 the next day to Norwich.

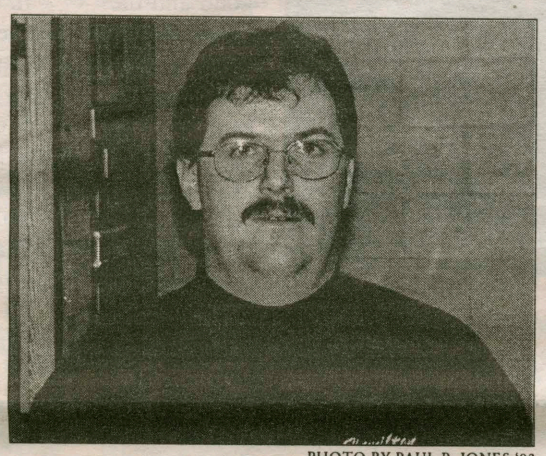

PHOTO BY PAUL P. JONES '03

**Scott Siddon hangs with hockey players, but warns that they smell very bad.**

**Favorite Hamilton athletics quote:** "Sharon you can go home, fellas lace em up." Sometimes after a disappointing loss coach Grady will tell me that in front of his players.

**Most rewarding part about the job:** Letters from former student athletic trainers, now doctors writing to say thanks for the experiences and all that they learned from us.

**Scott Siddon**

**Background:** Scott is in his seventh year at Hamilton and is originally from Massena, NY. He attended RIT for a semester and quickly realized that he was no computer science major. Scott finished his undergraduate work at Cortland State and earned his masters at the University of Oregon.

**Family:** Wife, Cindy, and an 8-month-old daughter Mackenzie. I also have 4 dogs. Two black labs, a retired greyhound racing dog and a three-legged yellow lab.

**Favorite thing about working at Hamilton:** I love the daily interactions with the student-athletes; they are a great bunch of kids. Being an athletic trainer also helps me stay involved in athletics, which I will always love.

**Favorite Movie:** I love both Slap Shot and Caddy Shack. I used to play hockey and Caddy Shack is a timeless classic.

**Is Hamilton College located in CNY or Upstate NY:** Clearly CNY. To be upstate you need to be close to Canada. A place like Poughkeepsie is Upstate but definitely not CNY.

**Who wins in a fight a dolphin or Bald Eagle:** The Bald Eagle wins. Simply on the American symbolism and patriotism that emanates from the Bald Eagle.

**Team you hate to 'fix-up' the most:** I love everyone on the men's hockey team, but boy do they smell. Everything that comes into contact with them smells, I would suggest that everyone stays away from them when they are in season.

**Biggest, flattest, ugliest feet:** Chris Smith '04

**Gutsiest Athlete:** Rob Gordon, 2 torn ACLs

**Favorite Coach:** We can not answer but not because it may incriminate us because the losers may suddenly call for practices at midnight and 4am.

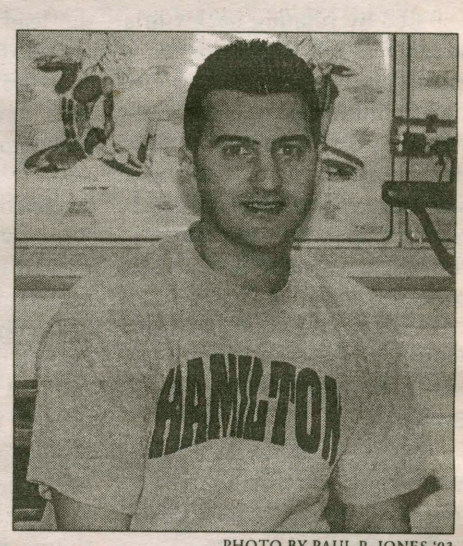

PHOTO BY PAUL P. JONES '03

**Pat Giruzzi watches Temptation Island with football players.**

**Pat Giruzzi**

**Background:** Pat is in his fourth year on the Hill and is a graduate of Elmira College. Pat is originally from our beautiful neighboring city of Utica.

**What got you into the field of athletic training:** I also wanted to stay involved in athletics. I was a hockey player in college, but didn't want to be a high school gym teacher or a coach so here I am today. Trust me, it's a lot more fun than a lot of stuff.

**Who do you most relate to in the athletic department:** Without a doubt Dennis Murphy. We both work down in the dungeon. We both have no windows in our offices, but at least we have a door.

**Favorite Reality TV show:** While Sharon is a Survivor nut, I prefer Temptation Island. Maybe it is because it is the only thing the football players talk about.

**Of all the athletes who would you say makes the biggest deal of their 'injuries':** Definitely Paula Dady. *There is no doubt* in our minds, we all love her to death, but we all pray that she never really gets hurt.

**Dumbest group of athletes:** Certainly the runners. They ask us to evaluate their injuries but then don't even listen to us. We tell them they should not run for a few weeks and then a few days later we will see them running around campus. And they have just way too much fun in the whirlpool.

**Best Dressed person on campus:** The ever preppy and perfectly pressed Ron Barnett.

**Best Patient:** Kate Clark

# Men's X-C takes 14th at Regionals

**by Paul Kibbe '05**
*SPORTS WRITER*

The men's cross country team finished up their 2001 campaign with a 14th place finish in the NCAA Regional meet this past weekend.

The finish was good considering the number of teams that were in the race but not as good as the team had hoped for overall.

"There are 56 schools that sponsor an NCAA Division III cross country team in New York and New Jersey," said Coach Hull, "We would have liked to be in the top 10 like we have been the past three years but 14th out of 56 teams is still very good."

Ithaca College and College of New Jersey finished first and second respectively and will go on to represent the Atlantic Region next weekend in the NCAA National Championship meet.

The conditions on Saturday were good for running.

"It was sunny and 50 degrees. The course wasn't fast, Van Cortlandt is very hilly, but we knew that going into the race. Most of our guys ran a pretty good race," said Hull, "We positioned ourselves well and really passed a lot of other runners in the last half mile."

Mac Weiss '02 was the highest finisher of all Continentals, placing 60th with a time of 28:05.05.

John Damaske '02 came in right behind Weiss to finish 63rd. He ran the 8,000-meter course in a time of 28:06.56. Ryan Murelli '02 ran the course in a time of 28:21.83, good enough for 74th. Chris Dunn '05 finished just behind Murelli, coming in 77th with a time of 28:24.63. Andrew Matlack '04, Paul P. Jones '03 and Matt Drescher '05 rounded out the Continental finishers placing 110th, 125th and 152nd respectively with times of 29:03.66, 29:33.62 and 30:06.68.

There was not much difference in time between the top finishers for the Continentals and the top finishers overall. The pack was big and a lot of people finished at relatively the same time. "I was very proud of our guys," said Hull, "This was our best finish of the last three weeks and we really redeemed ourselves."

The Continentals finished their season on a positive note and have a lot to look forward to next year. The leaders of this year's team could be seen very easily. Weiss led the Continentals in eight out of the nine races this year. Damaske and Murelli also had strong finishes in almost every race. Dunn and Drescher, had a large impact on the team this year and should look to do even better next year. Dunn was the only Continental to finish ahead of Weiss in a race this year. Matlack and Fletcher Malcom '03 also had very good seasons and should be key runners next year for the Conts.

"I was very proud of the effort we put ion this year. We really stepped up and everyone worked hard each week and put it on the line each race," said Hull, "Overall we felt we could of done better but that is how you always feel even if you win. It was a very positive season."

# Hoops set to run and gun

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"If we continue to work hard, by mid-season we should be a pretty good team," commented Murphy.

With Murphy at the helm once again, count on the Continentals to be constantly improving as they go through the most difficult part of their schedule. A veteran leader, Murphy has proven time and again that he is a skilled motivator and a gifted teacher. The Hamilton teams under his tutelage have experienced consistent success.

"I like what I see," he commented, "...it's a young team with a lot of enthusiasm, and they seem to play well together."

# Sports

# Continentals pull through in final game

**by Chris Preston '03**
*MANAGING EDITOR*

Though clichéd and somewhat corny, the old adage that "winning cures all ills" never rang more true than in the Hamilton football team's season-ending victory over Bates last weekend.

Led by running back Chris Weeden's '02 163 yards on a Hamilton record 42 carries, the Continentals posted a hard-fought, well-earned 22-13 win in their final game, eliciting a standing ovation from the Hamilton faithful, who were witnessing just the second home football win in three years.

Granted, the Conts (1-7) still finished in three-way tie for last in the NESCAC with Bates and Bowdoin.

The win allowed the team, most importantly the seniors, to forget about all the season's frustrations and near-misses.

"It's a great relief," said coach Pete Alvanos of his first win as Hamilton head coach. "Obviously it's great to get that first win here as a coach, but I wanted this one more for the kids. They worked so hard, hopefully this will make the next 365 days more bearable for all of them."

Not only was the win a credit to the Continentals' perseverance throughout the season, but also illustrated their remarkable ability to respond to adversity.

The game itself exemplified both these characteristics in the Continentals. Twice Bates either took the lead or tied the game, and the Conts were able to answer back each time, something that they had struggled with throughout the season.

"It was amazing to watch everything unfold," said Alvanos, "we'd had the lead going into halftime before and teams had immediately answered back. So, when (Bates) scored at the beginning of the half to tie it up I thought here we go again. But once we answered them with (Peter) Simon's ('05) field goal I felt comfortable. That's what we had been looking for all year."

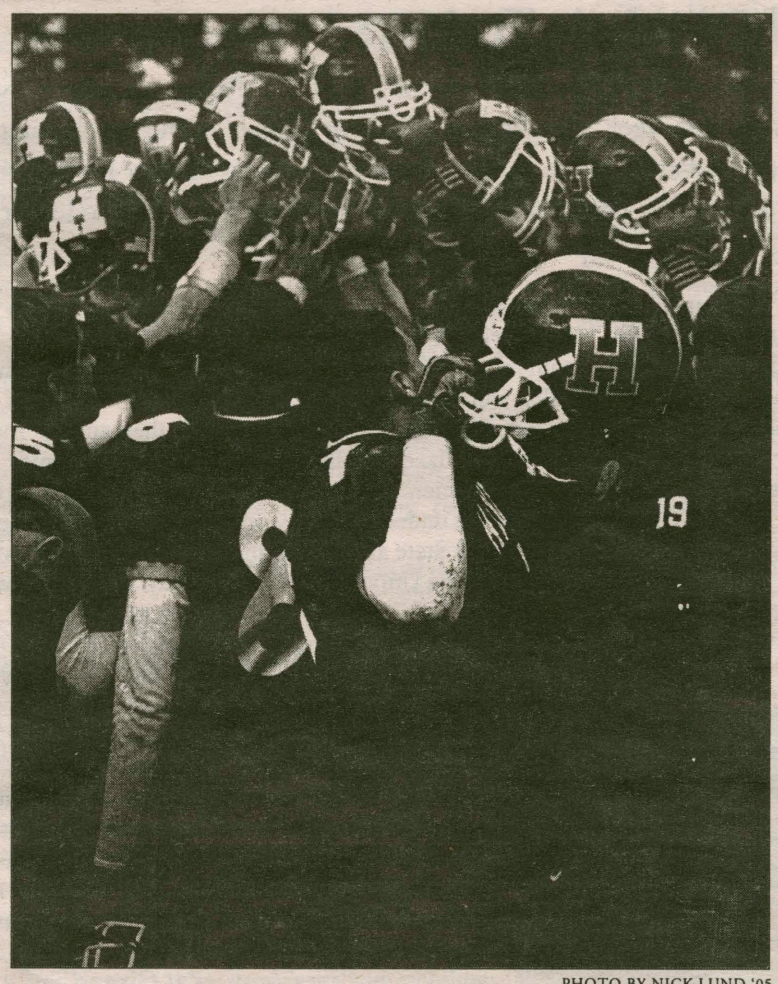

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

**In their last game of the season, the football team was able to raise their helmets in celebration for the first time this season. The 1-7 Continentals achieved only their third win in the past three years by beating Bates 22-13.**

The Continentals took command of the game early on by taking their opening drive 56 yards on seven plays for the touchdown, scored by Weeden on a three-yard run.

Despite a missed extra point by Simon the Conts took a 6-0 lead. However, Bates took the lead with 3:55 left in the first quarter on a touchdown pass from quarterback Kane Jankoski to Owen Miehe. Moments later, though, came the turning point in the game.

With three seconds to play in the opening quarter Bates had to punt from deep inside its own territory. Chris McCarthy '02, weaving through several waves of Bobcat defenders, broke a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown, the team's first special teams touchdown on the season.

McCarthy described the return, "Once I got past the first few lines of tacklers I knew I had a chance. I got a couple good blocks and just finished off the run from there."

The extra point was good and the Conts took a 13-7 lead, a lead they sustained until halftime.

"Chris's return was certainly something that had been a long time coming," said Alvanos. "It put us over the edge in the game because that meant our offense, defense and special teams were all clicking."

Though Bates did answer back to begin the second half, knotting the score at 13 with 11:09 to play, Weeden took over from there.

The Conts continually put the ball in his hands and Weeden continued to produce as usual, bowling over inferior Bobcat defenders left and right. According to Alvanos, Weeden wanted the ball.

"All year long as the games went on (Weeden) just called for the ball. Our offensive line told us that they could make some holes for him and they did. Of course Chris is such an unselfish player that he gave all the credit to them. He epitomizes a team player in my mind."

After the Conts took the lead for good at 16-13 on a 24-yard Simon field goal with :48 to play in the third quarter, Weeden put the nail in the coffin.

He almost single-handedly driving the team down the field in a 10-play, 42-yard drive, which he capped with a one-yard run.

In the process, Weeden not only set the all-time Hamilton record for carries in a game but also in a season with 224.

Weeden also averaged 105.1 yards rushing per game, totaling 934 on the year.

Still, Weeden's record were overshadowed by the Continental victory.

"It was real key to get that last win," said Lewis Boyd '02, one of 19 seniors on the squad. "Coming into the year I thought we might win a few more, but it was a tough season. But after you're finished with a season you forget about some of the losses and remember that last game. It was great to out on a good note."

McCarthy, who in addition

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# New-look Men's Basketball is young, hopeful

## *Team hopes to recover from loss of four starters by using uptempo style*

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Losing four starters to graduation is hard to bounce back from. It takes an excellent coach, some experienced returning players, and an influx of new talent to compensate for the dramatic loss of leadership that comes of losing four-fifths of your starting squad.

Luckily for the Hamilton College men's basketball team, they seem to have all three of these things in abundance.

Returning big men Joe Finley '03, Noah Hammond '02, Justin Stolarczyk '02, and Joe Smith '04 should continue to control the boards and dominate on the blocks as they did last year, and a talented but young group of backcourt players will be responsible for controlling the ball and stretching opposing defenses.

Due to the new faces, Hamilton fans should expect to see a team that doesn't much resemble those of recent years.

"Every team is different and has it's own personality," commented Hamilton head coach Tom Murphy, "so we'll be playing a little differently this year."

"The whole makeup of the team is completely different from the last two years," agreed Finley. "We basically had the same team then, and to have this many new guys is a challenge."

At this point, it is too early to tell exactly which players will be named starters.

Because of this, Murphy has gotten to see the competitive side of his team as they battle for starting spots and playing time.

In addition, this situation has made it apparent that the Continentals are a team with plenty of talent, both new and returning.

"We have tons of talent," said Finley, "the only problem is to get team chemistry before games start."

And indeed, with seven straight road games to begin the season, Hamilton will need team chemistry right away.

This early-season trial by fire should help the young squad come together, and the excellent competition that the Continentals will be facing may give them an opportunity to surprise some more experienced teams.

Position by position, it is difficult to know which players will comprise the starting unit.

The center, power forward, and small forward positions will likely be given to the returning big men who show the most promise in intra-squad games.

The backcourt is even more wide open, with both positions being vacant after the departures of Jim Driggs and Chris McCarthy.

At the point, Greg Leone '04, Geoff Tomlinson '04, and Bill Weydemeyer '04 all have the talent necessary to be floor general of the Continentals.

Hamilton also has a plethora of gunners ready to step in and assume the role of starting off-guard.

"Right now, I just want to see who plays well together," explained Murphy, "so I'm mixing it up each day."

In this situation of relative uncertainty, Murphy did express confidence that the team's style of play will be somewhat different than last year's.

"We'll definitely be more of a running team, and we will likely press a lot more," he said. "We're a little deeper and a little quicker this year."

These new facets of the Continentals' game may aid them in their new role as conference underdogs as well.

With schools like Saint Lawrence and Hobart returning many of last year's starters, most observers do not expect Hamilton to effectively compete against such experienced squads.

"I think this year we are going to surprise some teams," commented shooting guard Kevin Yanni '03. "We have to come out strong and show other schools how good we are."

Murphy said, "A lot of people have written us off, and let's just say we aren't getting much respect."

For now, the Continentals are simply taking it day by day. Adjusting to new teammates and styles will take some time, but the outlook of the players and the coach are optimistic.

Getting back to the NCAA tournament should not be considered an impossible goal.

"As a team we definitely want to win games," said Finley, "but right now we are just looking to get better every day with every practice."

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